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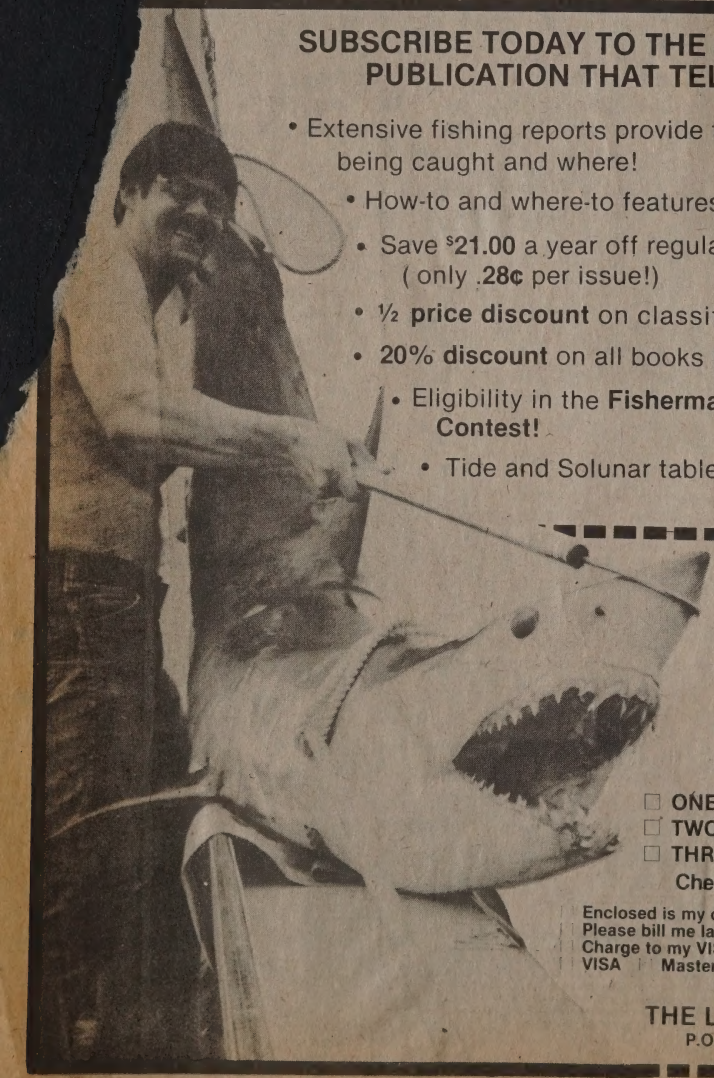

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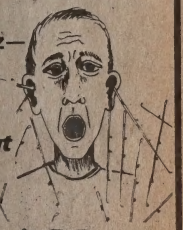

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The striped bass, sleek and fat from summer feeding in northern waters, have started migrating south with the mass movement through Montauk waters expected to reach a peak before the middle of October.

Boat anglers and surfcasters are tuning their gear and polishing skills to go for the big ones in the Montauk Marine Basin's 4th Annual Full Moon Striped Bass Tournament to be held Friday, Oct. 9 through Monday, Oct. 12. The anglers will use their expertise in the contest for money prizes and trophies in men's, women's, junior's and surfcasting categories during the three scheduled fishing sessions.

Johnny Kronuch, proprietor of Johnny's Tackle Shop, a popular surfcasters' headquarters in Montauk, reported that big bass are showing up in the surf now, mixed with weakfish and bluefish. He said the showing of stripers from 20-35 lbs. was a good sign for excellent fishing during the mid-October height of the season.

Boat anglers also report that stripers are beginning to show among the runs of weakfish and bluefish in deeper waters now.

Bass fishermen from Connecticut and New York who routinely travel to Montauk to meet the fall run of stripers are entering the Full Moon Tournament for added competition in their quest for the lunkers. A $15 registration fee is required of both boat anglers and surfcasters.

Cash prizes for the heaviest overall bass include $300 for 1st place, $200 for 2nd and $100 for 3rd. Trophies will be awarded for the heaviest bass in each of the three sessions and for the heaviest bass in the surfcaster division, junior division and women's division.

In addition to a captain's trophy, special awards will include a free mount of the boat division's winning fish by Fish Unlimited of Babylon, and a free mount of the surfcaster division's winning fish by Eastern Taxidermy of Farmingville. The junior division winner will be treated to a striper fishing session aboard the Rainbow II under the supervision of Capt. Bob Rochetta, holder of the new world's record rod and reel striped bass title—a 76 lber. caught last July 17 off Montauk Point.

IGFA rules apply to boat anglers in the tournament, except for the allowance of wire lining and umbrella rigs for trolling. No harpooning is allowed. For further information, contact Carl J. Darenberg, Jr., at the Montauk Marine Basin, 516-668-5900. Entry forms are available at the Marine Basin on West Lake Drive, and at the Montauk Chamber of Commerce Building on the Plaza in Montauk.

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For information, call after 6PM, 996-6326 or 645-9573.

KARAS TO SPEAK AT GATEWAY MEETING

On Thursday, October 8, 1981 Mr. Nick Karas, author and outdoor editor of **Newsday** will visit the Gateway Striper Club of Belle Harbor, New York to give a talk about fishing on Long Island and the future of the striped bass in our area.

Gateway would also like to take this opportunity to thank High Hill Striper Club for inviting us to their annual picnic which was held on September 13th at Eisenhower Park. The day was thoroughly enjoyable and we are happy to have been a part of it.

WEICKER FILES TUNA BILL

Senator Lowell P. Weicker (R-CT) filed a bill in the U.S. Senate that would amend the Magnuson Act by knocking out the provisions which exempt tuna fishing inside the 200-mile limit from U.S. control. Co-sponsoring the bill at Weicker's request are Senators Kennedy and Tsongas of Massachusetts, Chafee and Pell of Rhode Island, Bradley of New Jersey, Roth of Delaware, Warner of Virginia, Hollings of South Carolina, and Chiles and Hawkins of Florida. Others are expected to add their names to the bill when they return to Washington after the summer recess.

Weicker's decision to file the bill was made after lengthy conversations by his staffers with Arnie Taylor of the American Tuna Action Committee (ATAC) and Frank Carlton and Chris Weld, President and Executive Director of the Coalition. Taylor and Weld also consulted with the staffs of several other co-sponsors and prospective co-sponsors.

"This is really great!" Taylor exulted. "Now the effort to get tunas under U.S. management has a focal point and real momentum. I'm confident that with a bill on file on the Senate side, some of the Congressmen that have been dragging their feet up to now will come forward with a House bill of their own. It's a good time for advocates of a tuna bill to redouble their efforts to get Breaux (LA), Hughes (NJ), Forsythe (NJ), D'Amours (NH) de la Garza (TX), Evans (DEL) and Trible (VA) to back a House bill. Letters don't just count a lot; they count a whole heck of a lot!"

According to Frank Mather, who has devoted a career to the study of tunas, all the signs point to a rapid collpase in the bluefin tuna fisheries. Catches of giant bluefin in Massachusetts Bay and the Gulf of Maine so far this year lag last year's poor results, and seine boat operators fishing off the Middle Atlantic States from New Jersey to Virginia have also reported an apparently drastic drop in both the size and number of schools spotted this year. A Weicker staffer reported that one NMFS expert told him, "You're probably too late; there may be nothing left to protect."

It has long been fashionable to blame the Japanese for the current predicament, and certainly Japanese catches of large and small tunas inside the U.S. 200-Mile Limit have been a major factor. However, as pointed out by Chris Weld in a recent article in **Salt Water Sportsman** (May '81), a lot of the real damage was done by a group of California tuna clippers in the 1960s. "In the peak years of 1963 and 1964," according to Weld, "21 large California seine boats based in Puerto Rico devoured whole schools of small bluefins in 5,000 ton ties from Cape Hatteras to Cape Cod." Every year they discarded thousands of tons of dead tunas because at that time canners would not accept fish over 70 pounds.

"It's too late to be pointing fingers at people," Frank Carlton warned. "The important thing is to get control over the fishery and set up a management system that will allow the stocks to rebuild. Of course, it's hard to swallow the realization that the people who are going to fight us on this, that is the California tuna people, are the same people who caused the problem in the first place. On the other hand, that doesn't mean that there has to be a ban on commercial fishing if there are enough fish to support a commercial fishery. Advocates of the tuna bill should not lose sight of the fact that it's a common property resource."

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N.Y. Sportsmen Shot Down On Council Appointments

by Al Ristori

The more things change, the more they stay the same! There's a new Administration in Washington, but it looks as if recreational fishermen are in for the same sort of shortchanging that characterized the previous one. At least that's what the latest Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council appointments would indicate.

Throughout the history of the Council there has been no sportsmen's representative appointed from New York. Your reporter served his three-year term as an at-large member from New Jersey. The three initial appointments were of seafood dealer Bill Pell, environmentalist Nancy Goell, and Professor McHugh of Stony Brook. The first two were originally appointed to two-year terms—and were re-appointed to three-year terms after that. Dr. McHugh was dropped from the Council in 1979, and his seat was taken from New York to be given to Barbara Stevenson—a commercial fisherman's wife from Delaware. That left New York with the same number of seats as Delaware, an obvious injustice to begin with. The apparent reason for this unusual step was the fact that Governor Carey had nominated only sportsmen for the McHugh seat.

Ever since then we've been trying to impress on both the Administration and area Congressmen that fairness alone dictates that New York should have three seats on the Council (just as the second largest state in the region, New Jersey, does) and that at least one of those seats should go to a recreational fishing representative. After all, excluding the distribution value of the Fulton Fish Market, the economic value of the New York marine sport fishery dwarfs that of the commercial fishery—and that becomes even more true when the shellfish portion of the catch is eliminated.

This year both remaining New York seats on the Council came up once again. Governor Carey provided a diversified list of candidates, but the end result was even worse than in the past. This time both seats were filled by commercial representatives. The appointment of Richie Miller, Executive Secretary of the commercial Long Island Fisherman's Association, was no surprise. Miller has been a long time advocate of the East End commercial fishermen, and his experience in fishery management matters made him an obvious choice to replace Bill Pell as the commercial representative on the Council. I don't know whether Bill Pell had requested re-appointment, but it was unlikely in any case, as he is the Democratic Supervisor of Southold Town. I've fought battles both with and against Richie Miller over the years, and believe him to be well-qualified to serve on the Council. He will do an excellent job of presenting the commercial viewpoint, but you can also be sure that he'll be just as effective in shooting down sport fishing proposals should they interfere in any way with commercial interests.

The real kicker in this year's appointments was the second seat. Theoretically, if the seat was taken from environmentalist Nancy Goell, it should have gone to a sportsman. Instead, the new appointee is Greenport fish processor Robert T. Cooper. Cooper is president of Robert T. Cooper Inc., a wholesale seafood packing and processing business which employs several dozen people and distributes to supermarkets, chain restaurants and wholesale seafood markets. Even more disturbing is a "Suffolk Life" report in which East End Congressman William Carney boasts that he supported both men—and notes how important they'll be in working with the New England Council on the yellowtail flounder plan. While Long Island commercial fishermen have gotten the short end of the stick on yellowtail quotas, Congressman Carney (who was initially elected with "Long Island Fisherman" support) must surely be aware of the many crucial issues facing sportsmen which the Councils are dealing with. Management plans for bluefish, fluke, porgies, sea bass, sharks, billfish, and most other species of importance to us are among the items presently being discussed.

Who's responsible for this continuing injustice? The appointment system for the Councils has been shrouded in mystery ever since Terry Leitzell took over in the National Marine Fisheries Service. Leitzell, a lawyer with no fisheries background, has thoroughly politicized the agency and managed to earn the censure of both sport and commercial fishermen by his display of gross incompetence. To the discredit of the Reagan Administration, Leitzell was still in charge the last I heard while a seemingly endless search for a successor continued. Though the Council appointments are officially announced by the Secretary of Commerce, it's likely that Leitzell was primarily responsible for them.

The fight for Leitzell's position seems to have narrowed down to his assistant, Bill Gordon, and Gustave Fritschie, a lawyer employed by the National Fisheries Institute—the commercial fishing industry's lobby in Washington, D.C. According to the Sport Fishing Institute, Fritschie has strong White House support and is the current front-runner. The Sport Fishing Institute is supporting Gordon, noting that he has demonstrated an even-handed approach to commercial/recreational questions. The National Coalition for Marine Conservation has supported Charlie Fullerton of California Fish & Game, but is now backing Gordon as the candidate with the best chance to succeed.

Bill Gordon is a career NMFS fishery biologist and administrator. He formerly was the northeast director of NMFS. When we both served on the Mid-Atlantic Council Bill and I often clashed on the issues—starting with the very basic principle of whether the Councils were really going to control the fisheries, or whether a discredited ICNAF was to be allowed to continue in that role. In many cases, Bill was just representing the positions dictated by those above him, so it's difficult to pin down just how "friendly" he is to the sport fishery. However, I am sure that he is aware of the value of the recreational fisheries—and it makes a lot more sense to have a biologist in charge of NMFS rather than another lawyer. Letters of support should be sent to Mr. E. Pendleton James, Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel, the White House, Washington, D.C. 20006, and to Dr. John V. Byrne, Administrator, National Oceanic and

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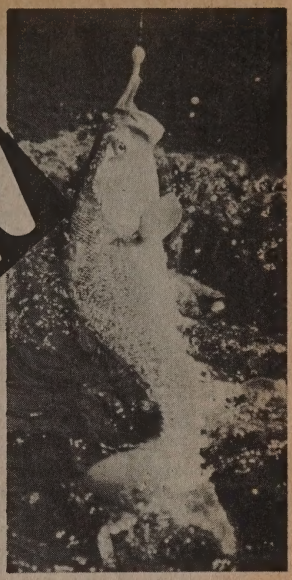

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SEA GRANT ON RECREATIONAL FISHING

by William A. Muller

SURPRISE! We are on the mailing list of Sea Grant, and for some time now we have been upset by a very heavy commercial flavor to their journal "Coastlines." There is no doubt that the trend to discuss and promote commercial fishing is a real one. We have observed that many local magazines and agency journals have talked about promoting the growing commercial fishing industry. In its proper place, there is nothing wrong with commerce displaying a growing interest in commercial fishing. However, the key phrase is "in its proper place." In the last few years we have been frankly alarmed by a seemingly total disregard for the recreational fishing industry and a projection in official documents that once you get beyond commercial fishing, there is no fishing. Recently, several state politicians have expressed an interest in developing an official state policy to protect and promote commercial fishing. The substance of this effort does not recognize the recreational fishing industry and if these proposals were to become law without change, many of its key elements would walk over many elements and portions of the recreational fishing industry. It continues to amaze us that this attitude persists in spite of clear data that shows the recreational fishing industry to be worth as much as ONE HUNDRED TIMES MORE than commercial fishing. It seems to us, and it has seemed so for a long time, that more jobs could be created and a better Long Island economy could be encouraged if only officials would start promoting recreational fishing. As added bonuses we would get an improvement in the quality of our leisure time and we would be promoting an activity that is far less damaging to habitats and fish stocks.

THEREFORE, IT WAS WITH DELIGHT that we read a recent issue of Coastlines and found an article entitled, **Coastal Recreation Businesses: Alive and Innovative.** The article discussed recreation business from a business point of view, and that's fine for that journal. However, totally absent was a discussion of how innovation and creativity might be used to promote tourism through recreational fishing. We think that commerce is missing a great chance by overlooking the current size and growth potential of the recreational fishing industry.

WHAT MIGHT BE DONE? For starters, there are a few ideas. One, combining the facilities of boat liveries and party (or charter) boats with motels and hotels as well as places to eat. Town Commerce Departments in sea-bay areas could offer package plans that would increase the usage of all facilities, reduce total cost to the consumer, and increase total revenues. Collective advertising of Long Island's great potential for a varied and fun-filled vacation. Instruction classes in recreational fishing for young and old, run cooperatively by experts, agencies, and commerce. There are more innovative things we can do, but we need to think positively and stop expecting the dying horse of local commercial fishing to provide a business boom for the future.

THANKS TO JIM McGRATH WHO WROTE IN ABOUT fillet of sole—a topic we have already covered. If you missed it briefly, fillet of sole may indeed be sole, but we doubt it, if the price is reasonable and it is sold locally. More likely the fish is a yellowtail flounder.

FRIEND BARBARA HERRERA. "Mother Nature has colored all fish to blend in with their own environment, especially prey which must have camouflage. The colors usually are graduated from dark along the top to light along the belly. Thus, if a predator attacks from above, the fish will blend in with the darkness below and if the predator attacks from below, the light belly will also blend in with the light sky above. Since the manufacturing of lures first began, we have been imitating Nature's patterns of size, color, and shape. What if we reverse the usual color pattern—wouldn't that make the lures stand out and easier for the predators to see? Maybe this way we can catch more fish."

LEFT OUT ONE FACT! Your thoughts are very interesting and there are times when fishermen do just that. They repaint the lures to make them more obvious and at times, the trick works and the fisherman catches more fish. However, most of the time this will not work because fish are a lot smarter than we give them credit for. Game fish are known to shy off thick lines, colored lines, large terminal hardware, etc. On a percentage basis, we are better off trying to imitate the baitfish as well as our technologies will allow so that potential striking game fish are not turned off by something unnatural. Although the blending coloration of baitfish would seem to give them an advantage, we must remember that the eyes of game fish are extraordinary in their own right and combined with a very sensitive lateral line system, to pick up vibrations, a game fish can overcome the obstacle of countershading. In fact, the game fish is also counter-shaded which helps them to sneak up on the prey. It's a balanced system in which the best adapted have a chance to use these momentary advantages to escape, while the less fit does not and falls victim to the predator. In this way the fittest survive and help make a better stock of fish. The same rules apply to the game fish and if they aren't good enough to take advantage of an opportunity, then they'll perish too.

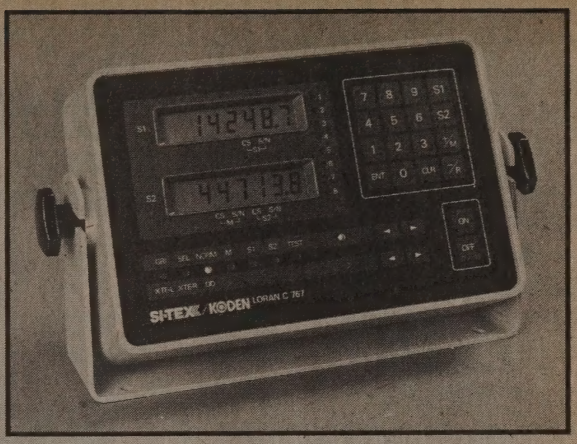
ROBERT K. McANDREW OF THE BRONX writes: "I'm a striped bass fanatic and I spend about seventy-five percent of my fishing time looking for bass. I haven't had a tremendous amount of success and the really big bass has passed me by so far. I like to fish sand worms for bass and twice now short fish have swallowed the hook and that makes it very hard to release the fish successfully. Any ideas?"

YES! I can offer two ideas and maybe our readers can come up with a few more. True, when you throw out a sand worm you have no idea how big the fish might be that inhales it. Because the bait is still, the chances are greater that the hook will be taken deep. If you want to improve the chances of survival of the short fish, or any fish for that matter, you can cut the hook off and release the fish rather than try to take the hook out. In the saltwater, combined with the juices of the fish, the hook will decompose rather quickly. The hook won't interfere with the feeding of the fish. We have taken a few fish over

the years with hooks in their throats who still had room for my plug. The second idea is to use barbless hooks. It is very easy to back out a barbless hook and without the barb the hook does much less damage. Of course, without the barb you'll need to be sharp with your fishing skills. If you give that fish slack, you'll likely lose it.

ROBERT SHUTE OF CHESTER, N.Y. "I'm a transplanted Long Islander and where once I fished for stripers in the salt waters around Long Island. I now look for them in the Hudson River. Recently my son and I experienced a real blitz for small fish along one stretch of the river. The small bass were feeding on what looked like one inch shad. The last blitz on bass I can remember was at Montauk. Of course, the fish were bigger as I recall and most were about fifteen pounds. I now, more than ever, realize the importance of this great river as a nursery ground for bass. We must give the Hudson positive publicity. Perhaps you can reflect to your readers that importance of the river to striped bass. It was a beautiful experience to see all those small bass. In a few years, they'll be down in Long Island Sound."

SURE. We're always glad to discuss the importance of the Hudson as a nursery ground not only for bass, but for lots of other fish too. When a reader sends along a letter like yours, it affords us the opportunity to expose these ideas. Fortunately, although the Chesapeake Bay complex has experienced poor spawning of striped bass in recent years, the Hudson stock has had several good spawning years. These fish are not likely to make a numbers dent in coastal fishing because, in general, the Hudson bass stay rather close to home base (Long Island Sound and nearby south shore), but they may just play an important role in the overall recovery of the species. This winter the sportsmen won a major victory when a compromise with Con Edison was reached. In that compromise the utility agreed to establish hatcheries for bass along the river to make up for the bass that its power generating equipment killed. This is a positive beginning and we think it is an important precedent. Thanks to organizations like S.O.S. (active in that effort) these important first steps can occur.



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SINKER BOUNCING

FALL FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern

I guess I'm pretty lucky. If I want to know exactly when the next fishing season is coming up, or just how good the fishing is, I don't have to wet a line. The letters I receive from readers of this column do this for me without a bit of effort on my part. I guess you might say I've got it down to a science.

By late February (certainly by early March), these letters, plus their many questions, tell me the focus is on spring flounder. By mid-April these flounder inquiries will have slowed, but this slack is immediately taken up by questions about spring black-fishing; then there is a gradual shift to fluke. Interest in sea bass and porgies rises in June. Then comes the inevitable summertime lull, a time when it seems every fisherman is out doing his thing.

By late September, mail volume increases once again and questions on fall flounder become a daily occurrence. By early October, fall black-fishing is of great interest; by month's end cod are of prime concern—along with a few inquiries on winter flounder. It never varies. So you see, if I cared, to, and without the necessity of leaving the house, I would have little difficulty keeping my finger on the pulse of our local sinker bouncing fraternity.

As I write this, it is mid-September and, as expected, fall flounder fishing questions are steadily increasing. And also as expected, that old chestnut inquiring as to the difference between spring flounder, fall flounder, and winter flounder has already appeared as if by rote.

So let's polish off this particular inquiry before we delve deeper into this article.

Most fellows know what I am about to say, but for those newcomers to whom this particular subject is as clear as mud, let me say that the spring flounder, the fall flounder, and the winter flounder are one and the same fish. This seasonal application of the name is used only to distinguish the time of year in which these highly-prized fish are sought. (Flounder are also caught during summer in certain areas, but to use this term would only confuse those fellows who know our fluke as the summer flounder. And the good Lord knows there is already enough confusion pertaining to the correct terminology of our available fish. We don't need another.)

Party boats provide an excellent opportunity to catch fall flounder.

Flounder begin their inshore migration from our local ocean waters in late September. By mid-October they will have penetrated inshore bays and creeks. This inshore movement does not cease by then, however, for larger flounder continue to arrive until late fall, sometimes into early winter. All these are commonly called fall flounder. Those that remain active during mild winters are referred to as winter flounder—which incidentally, is actually the true name of our spring and fall flounder as designated by our U.S. Bureau of Fisheries.

Confusing? Yes. But we're not finished yet.

As water temperatures nosedive with the approach of winter, most flounder become inactive and are only caught on hook and line by those of us who know flounder as they know the backs of their hands. Most flounder spawn during March and early April in shallow bays and creeks when temperatures reach 33° to 34°. They then become free-swimming and fishing activity increases as waters warm. These are our popular spring flounder.

By late May most of these flounder will have returned offshore to the deeper, cooler ocean floor. This is the reason ocean inlet fishing for flounder at that time can be very good. It is a never-ending cycle, this inshore and offshore movement, a marvel of Nature, and unquestionable proof that there is a Fine Hand somewhere in the scheme of things.

The only difference I have noticed between spring and fall flounder is that fall flounder are endowed with much pep, vim, and vigor when they first arrive. As noted before, it is water temperature which controls the activity of flounder. Spring flounder only become active as water temperatures increase, which at times may mean into mid-April before this happens. Before then spring flounder are often sluggish and are, at times, caught with streaks of mud clinging to their undersides, proof that they still desire that warmer mud blanket. This is a common occurrence in March.

And because fall flounder are more active when they first arrive, fishing methods must be modified from those used in early spring.

It is a rare day in October or early November when flounder must be coaxed into taking the bait. For one thing, jigging isn't actually required once a body of fish has been located as is so often necessary when fishing in early spring. There is none of this finicky should I or shouldn't I attitude; which means that frisky fall flounder must be struck at once, for they nip at the bait and go. Therefore, to fish fall flounder with the same methods as one does in spring may reward you with only a few fish or even none at all.

To employ the cautious springtime lift on fall flounder is to defeat your

purpose. Be on the alert—always. If one thing can be said about fall flounder fishing it is that the fisherman must be on his toes. No daydreaming is permitted if you want fish in that bucket.

Strike back instantly—a quick flip of the wrist will do. It always gripes veteran fishermen when they see fellow sinker bouncers attempt to hook flounder with a force sufficient to hang marlin. If these veteran fishermen don't do it, why should you? Actually, I'd say more flounder (both spring and fall) are lost when using heavy-handed tactics than by any other. So remember: all that's necessary is a firm snap of the wrist to sink that hook.

Light tackle should always be used for fall flounder; it provides the best enjoyment. Spinning gear just cannot be beaten. If you haven't this, don't fret; a light bay rod will do. Reels should match the rod and any mono over six pound test (ten for conventional) will detract from the sport. Sinker weight will vary but usually a two ounce bank sinker for a spinning outfit and three ounces for conventional gear will get by. Many times, less weight will do. You will find, too, that any area that requires over four ounces to hold bottom will not produce the best fishing.

As for hooks, there is no great problem. Most fishermen use the standard Chestertown—nine or ten, with nine preferred. There isn't much difference in size except that the shank of the #9 is a bit heavier, therefore, stronger.

Because flounder are strictly bottom feeders, hooks must be there for best results. It is best to use two hooks; these should be tandem-tied. This rig is then placed on the main line about two inches above the sinker, employing a loop made with a double-overhand knot.

To tandem-tie is not difficult, but it should be practiced several times for best results. To do this, take two flounder hooks and fold the snell of one at its middle. Then pass this fold part-way through the knotted loop of the second hook. Finally, run this second hook through the first fold, draw up tightly, and secure with an overhand knot. This last step is important; don't overlook it. Should you do so, one snell will ride down on the other.

Bait is no problem. I find from experience that when the water is warm, sand or bloodworms, and even night crawlers do well. As the water cools, clam will often come through, especially soft clam necks when cut into thin strips. If you can fish during winter, thinly cut slices of fresh skimmer work wonders. All baits should be at least 1½" long and a short piece should be allowed to trail from the hook. That is what entices flounder. If you use smaller pieces than those recommended, most of your fish will be small.

Always bring along two different types of bait. Flounder can drive you up the wall with their unpredictable attitudes toward bait. So, take a tip from the proverbial Boy Scout and be prepared.

As for the use of chum, I leave this to you. I rarely use it when fall flounder fishing. But if you wish to try it, fill a chum pot with crushed mussel or soft clam. Lower it on bottom and bounce it occasionally to disperse the goo into the current. You can also crush either of these underfoot and toss them piecemeal uptide, gauging the current so that they land near your baited hook. This method is not recommended for beginners as it is difficult to get that chum exactly where you want it. Without the finesse needed for this, the fish will be drawn from your fishing area.

So—that's it for fall flounder fishing. There is much more, of course. But those methods discussed will work for you and produce fish. I've never had cause for complaint, and I've been catching flounder for nearly sixty years. Now go out there and prove I'm right.

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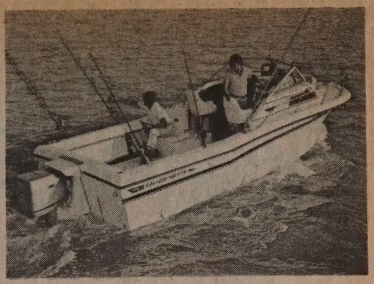

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Pleasing Selective Bluefish

by John Fritz

When a surfman envisions bluefish feeding aggressively during the fall run, images of tortured rods, singing drags, taut lines and straining muscles are most often perceived. Surface lures worked briskly across the water disappear in an explosion of spray as monster blues vie with each other to be the first in seizing the suspected prey. Unfortunately, the latter scene is becoming less common along our south shore beaches during the autumn migration. In the not too distant past bluefish were considered easy game for anglers pounding the oceanfront sands. Fishermen seeking the prized striped bass would often shun actively working bluefish schools in an effort to conserve their tackle and strength for the more valued bass.

Due to the shortage of bass in recent years, an increasing number of anglers are altering their outlook and actively pursuing such lesser species as weakfish and bluefish. In fact, the surf fishing along much of the south shore beaches has declined to such a state that successful plugging is rarely seen under the cooling autumn sun. Fishing with bait has become a common occurrence in the mid-Island area, but whereas bunker and mackerel chunks at one time comprised a major ingredient in this practice, it seems that these once easy to please choppers have now refined their appetites to selectively choosing only eels.

The initial response, when a suggestion to fish for blues using live eels for bait, frequently generates a reaction of total rejection. After several fruitless plugging trips, while anglers willing to compensate for the changing conditions continue to achieve impressive results, surfmen desiring to engage in action of some sort will invariably be seen posted on the beach next to his bucket of eels. If an angler intends to become a serious eel slinger the purchase of eels in small quantities can place a strain on the average person's budget. Fishermen committed to this venture strive to purchase their eels in quantity. Eels bought in this manner can be stored in a leak-proof container and kept in the basement or rear yard. A plastic tub measuring approximately 2'x3'x2' in height, half-filled with fresh water and equipped with an aerator and escape-proof lid is sufficient to keep a number of eels in fine shape for several weeks providing the water is changed periodically.

A cache of eels set up in this way will ensure a supply of readily available bait should a last minute trip be contemplated. A quantity, sufficient for the occasion, can be placed in a pail with an inch of water and covered by a wet towel. During exceptionally warm weather, a plastic bag filled with ice cubes will assist in keeping the eels in excellent condition.

With the bait supply assured, the next step in preparation for an outing of this type, assuming rods, reels and line are of adequate proportions, is the fashioning of several wire leadered hooks. Although many variations can be used, the favored rig consists of a six to ten inch length of nylon coated 40 lb. test wire to which a 4/0 stainless steel Siwash hook is secured. This leader is used in conjunction with the ever-popular fish finder rig and since the eel is alive, the cork is dispensed with. This particular style hook is chosen by many regulars because of its light weight, ample strength, and the extremely long point which can be filed to razor sharpness.

The thought behind having several leadered hooks prepared beforehand is to allow for a rapid exchange should a fish be hooked deeply or the wire become frayed or kinked which is likely when dealing with teen-sized bluefish. If the fish finder rig is used, the damaged leader can be easily disconnected and a new rig quickly snapped in place. Trying to dislodge a hook from the stomach of a live bluefish can be a tricky and fruitless attempt, for the leader of a hook set so deep will, in most cases, be rendered useless anyway.

So far nothing I have mentioned will create much debate for the ideas are standard practices, but the placement of the hook in the eel is a matter on which a wide variety of preferences is apparent. While some anglers prefer to hook the eel in the head area, either in one jaw, both, or through the eye sockets, a sizable portion of anglers favor placing the hook in the tail. One reason the second method is chosen is due to the belief that less harm is done to the vital parts of the eel, resulting in longer life while on the hook. The placement of the hook in a third area is gaining in popularity with anglers encountering bluefish exclusively. The positioning of the hook in the mid-section of the eel probably resulted from the experience of so many anglers after missing a strike and finding only half an eel. When placing the hook in the middle, care should be taken not to pierce the spinal column. The point can be pushed through at a point just under the dorsal fin or through the flesh of the side. In either case, the barb should be exposed to prevent the eel from backing off the hook.

Given the vicious reputation of teen-sized bluefish, it is often assumed that the pickup is a savage, positive hookup. On many occasions, the rod will be taken down and the angler will have little to do but play the fish into the beach. In other instances, there will be only a slight trembling of the rod tip to indicate the presence of an interested bluefish. A premature attempt at setting the hook will only result in pulling the bait away from the fish. When finicky feeders are encountered, it is better to feed line allowing the blue to seize the entire bait without sensing too much drag. Frequently it can be determined when a bluefish is merely chomping on the eel without taking the hook. In such situations, loosen the drag entirely, or if conventional gear is being used switch to free spool, and allow the fish to run unimpeded. The exact instant to set the hook is difficult to determine precisely with even veteran surfmen occasionally missing a hookup. If the strike is missed, let the rig lie for, in many cases, the predator will pursue the bait it senses to be trying to escape.

After the hook is set all doubt about the bluefish's fighting ability will be eliminated. Sudden rushes towards the beach and violent above-water head shaking are but two of their favorite tactics to gain freedom. Powerful lateral runs down the beach should be followed for it is difficult to land these forceful fish when the line lies at a sharp angle to the shore.

Invariably during the course of a fishing session the rod will be left unattended in the sandspike. When other chores necessitate such action, the drag on a spinning reel should be loosened to a point where the line is barely restrained from pulling free. Many sharp plug fishermen remove the dog from the spools of their reels. When fishing in the darkness, greater secrecy can be maintained when fighting a fish, for a screaming drag will signal all within earshot that fish

are being taken. When fishing bottom, this additional alarm is beneficial. Many anglers using conventional reels leave the lever in free spool with the click engaged. There are several reasons for using this tactic. First of all, it will permit the fish to seize the bait and seemingly make its escape without feeling a great deal of resistance. Secondly, the rattle of the spinning spool will alert those in the vicinity, whose attention may be diverted to other matters, that a pickup has taken place. Most important of all is to prevent the rod from being pulled from the spike should a particularly vicious strike occur.

This type of fishing can take place on any of the accessible south shore beaches, although certain areas are more productive than others. Working from the west, there are two locations situated within Jones Beach State Park: West End II from the parking field to the inlet jetty and the shore line east of Parking Field #6 are favored by many anglers not equipped with a beach buggy. The hotspots further east include Tobay, from the pavilion to a point approximately 500 yards west, the waterfront at Gilgo in the vicinity of the old Coast Guard Station, and the bar at Cedar Beach. On Fire Island superb fishing can be had within Robert Moses State Park from parking field #2 west to the inlet jetty, while the shore lines adjacent to Moriches and Shinnecock Inlets are popular with east enders.

Much of the October baitfishing for bluefish takes place during the sunlit hours. This fact alone adds to the appeal of this type fishing. More attention can be directed toward watching one's rod, for even with the best possible lighting at night it is often difficult to detect each signal from the rod tip. With the unlimited visibility granted during the day, activities all along the shore can be observed. Passing schools of bait, a flock of working gulls or the success of surfmen further down the line are but a few of the sights which can raise expectations and help pass the time between strikes. Furthermore, the pleasant days of October are perfect for inviting the wife and kids along, for rarely does the itinerary of hard-working surfmen allow for companionship other than another surf nut.

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FISH CHOWDER

by Eileen Regina

When fall winds blow and the weather becomes cool, nothing seems to hit the spot like a bowlful of piping hot soup. It not only takes the chill out and warms you all over, but can be a comforting way to start a meal. Soups can range from spicy broths or thin cream soups to those thick, heavy mixtures of meat, fowl, or fish that are sometimes a main course in themselves. These can be the minestrones, mulligatawnys, and above all, the chowders that have become an integral part of the American menu.

Most people tend to think of chowder as an American invention dating back to Colonial days when, in actuality, the word is derived from the French word, "la chaudiere," the term applied to the great copper pot that played a traditional role in early French coastal villages. Returning fishermen would toss parts of the day's catch into those huge pots and the women of the community would make a hearty soup to feast on in celebration of the safe return of their men from the sea. This tradition and the corruption of the word came to New England by way of French Canada and the final result ultimately became New England clam chowder, that robust mixture of clams, salt pork or bacon, milk and seasonings.

The great popularity of the tomato in this country (they were called "love apples" way back then, which might just account for their great popularity, as folks mistakenly considered them aphrodisiacs) led to the creation of Manhattan clam chowder, using water instead of milk and adding tomatoes. This style of clam chowder soon became an arch rival of the traditional New England style of clam chowder, and the relative merits of the two chowders led to many spirited debates, which continue on even today as gourmets argue the pros and cons of each style. Personal tastes vary, so you either like one style or the other, and staunch proponents of one particular style consider the rival chowder unworthy of consumption. Early on, New England feelings against the Manhattan style chowder ran so high that legend has it that one time the Maine legislature once considered a bill that would actually have outlawed the mixing of clams and tomatoes, but that's no longer true today and people everywhere can enjoy either or both styles any time they so desire.

The following recipe is offered as a delicious alternative to a steady diet of clam chowder, and can be prepared with any one of a number of fish, including codfish, tilefish, blackfish, or my favorite, haddock. We have tried them all and like them all, but lean towards the haddock probably because it was the fish used the first time I ever made homemade chowder. Preparing them in chowder opened the door to some delicious eating.

FISH CHOWDER

Ingredients: (Serves 6-8)
2 lbs. haddock fillets
4 potatoes, peeled and sliced
1/2 cup celery leaves, chopped
1 bay leaf
2½ tsps. table salt
1/4 tsp. ground cayenne
2 tsp. ground chili powder
1 garlic clove
3 medium onions, sliced
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1/4 tsp. dill seed
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1/2 cup rose wine
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2 sprigs parsley, chopped

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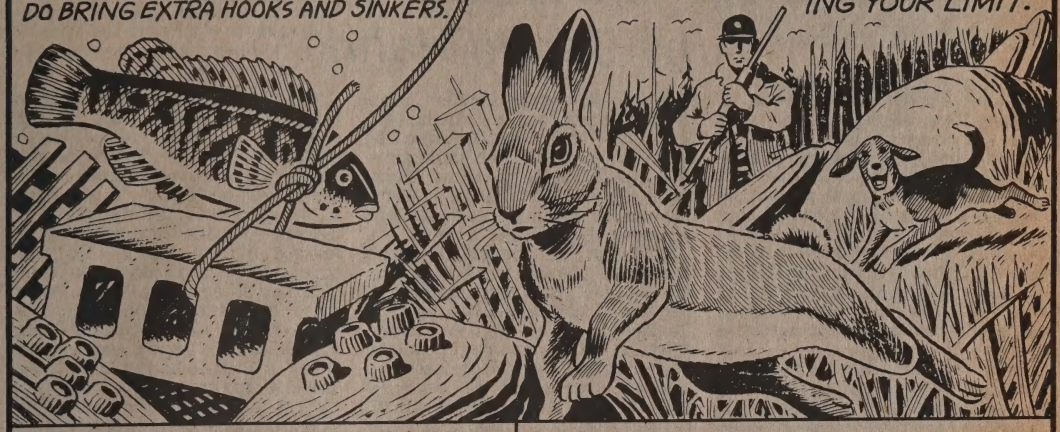

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CLUE IN ON BIG BLACKS

by Gerald Hahn

Before you decide that this writer is suffering from too many fishing trips in the sun, let me say that most small boat fishermen can catch average-sized blackfish with relative ease. But large blackfish (bulldogs) are not so obliging. On a good autumn fishing day, an experienced blackfish angler will catch only three to six brutes, weighing 5 lbs. to more than 10 lbs. On a great day he may take a dozen, but many times he will catch none, resigning himself instead to average-sized fish.

Large blackfish are most likely to be caught on the north shore between mid-October and mid-November, although I have taken some as early as mid-August, as well as in the spring. Sometimes the fish are located in the shallow waters of Long Island Sound; but most of them reside in the 40' depths, about a mile or so from shore. Even so, finding them is difficult. Theoretically, drifting would be the fastest method, but this is pointless with large blackfish, since they seldom respond to a moving bait. Nor is chumming from an anchored boat likely to catch their attention—blackfish being stick-in-the-rocks, stay-at-home, fish. By all means, patience is required and perhaps following the advice of the pun, "Don't just do something; stand there!" For maintaining a stationary bait on the encrusted bottom is essential to catching bulldog blackfish provided they are in the vicinity, which, of course, returns us to the major problem. Usually, they are not.

Before explaining a deceptive method I use to catch large blackfish, perhaps it would be better to cover the tackle requirements. The rod, spinning or conventional, should be fairly heavy and about 6' to 8' long. Because the fish are large, the terrain rough, and the fall tides strong, a matching reel filled with 20 lb. test is required. Sometimes 8 oz. sinkers barely hold the bottom.

A typical blackfish rig consists of two Virginia hooks, sizes 4 to 6, snelled on 12" leaders of 40 lb. test. I prefer the smaller size 6 because smaller blackfish are easier to hook, and a large one has yet to straighten it. Most people tie the hooks in tandem—one snell connected to the middle of the other—and then connect them to a dropper loop, about 3" above an end loop for the sinker. Since blackfish inhabit rough terrain—rocky areas, mussel beds, wrecks—some anglers use a 12" leader of 30 or 40 lb. test and a barrel swivel for the tandem rig. Simplifying the rig to a single hook also helps when snags are likely to occur. In any event, extra rigs should be brought along, as well as a large landing net.

In the spring, blackfish of all sizes are attracted to clams or sandworms, but in the fall, the best baits are crabs: fiddler crabs or green crabs. Fiddlers are small and several may be impaled on a single hook through the

Bulldog blackfish and humpback porgies go hand in hand.

rear of the carapace. Some fishermen break off the large claw of the male crab and hook it through this socket. Green crabs, however, are usually cut in half, from head to tail, and then quartered if very large. The shell is removed, in addition to the legs and claws, exposing a white chunk of crab meat and cartilage. The crab piece is hooked through one claw socket and out another, or wedged in the cartilage, exposing the point a little. Some people fish the pre-cut segment of a green crab with its shell and legs intact. Small specimens may be rigged like fiddler crabs. Although these two crabs are the most widely used baits, in the East End, experienced blackfish anglers favor another crab—the hermit, which for some reason is not available elsewhere. Smaller than a green crab and larger than a fiddler, the hermit, which lives in a borrowed shell, must be evicted, by carefully breaking the shell with a block of wood. The reason for the unusual home becomes evident once the hermit is exposed: it has a soft, spongy tail (actually, its abdomen) which is relished by large blackfish and other predators. To bait up a hermit crab, the large claws are removed and the hook inserted first through the belly side of the shelled forepart; then the point is hooked into the soft tail.

Now, to the method. In some respects, a large blackfish behaves like a wise old trout. Scatter some chum, and the fish will probably ignore it, or rise to a morsel and return immediately to its hideaway under some boulders. Nothing doing. But if a **natural** commotion is stirred up nearby, a bulldog, like a rock-bound bass, will become curious. A commotion does not mean stomping on the boat or raising the cassette's volume to a deafening roar. Such a ruckus may be natural to man but not to fish. A natural underwater commotion is when other species in the vicinity are feeding voraciously, and in this case, the species is the porgy. Not the puny sand porgy or the typical bay porgy, but the 1½ to 3 lb. humpback, which is found in the same areas as large blackfish.

Unfortunately, many people who fish for large blackfish pull up the anchor as soon as the porgies start biting. After all, who wants to catch scup when large tautog are the quarry? But if you continue fishing for the quicker porgies, their frenzied activity will send out signals to the slower, lumbering blackfish. The principle is the same as waiting through the dogfish, which, by their activity, alert large codfish. At first, you may catch nothing but porgies, but soon a few smaller blackfish will be mixed in. If some medium-sized blackfish (3 to 4 lbs.) follow, get ready because the porgies will suddenly stop biting. That's when the bulldogs move in.

For these reasons, instead of looking desperately for large blackfish, I look for large porgies first. A great schooling species, porgies are easier to locate than blackfish, and to draw under the boat with some cracked mussels or clams. Moreover, instead of a tandem rig or a single hook rig, I use a hi-lo rig. This consists of two droppers on the main line for the two hooks: the bottom one about 3" above the sinker and the top one about 13" above the first. The hooks are separated, and baits may be rigged for both species simultaneously: a piece of clam or sandworm on the top hooks, which humpback porgies prefer, and a crab on the bottom hook for the bulldog blackfish. Another reason to use #6 Virginias, since large porgies are easily taken with this hook.

Many times the crab bait will be thrown off its hook, as the porgy darts madly above on its hook. This bait should be replaced whenever you lose it; sooner or later, it will bring its reward. Of course, if porgies are the exclusive catch for more than 20 minutes, it may be better to move the boat, but not too far. Remember, it is better to be over a productive spot where fish are biting—even if they are the wrong species—than to start again in a new place where there may be no fish at all.

Although slower than porgies, small blackfish signal their hits in the same way, by rapping on the line several times. The blackfish grasps the bait with its front teeth and needs a moment to work it to the gullet, where a pair of crushers will finish the job. Thus, a brief pause is necessary before setting the hook. Bulldog blackfish, however, dispense with these preludes, and a slow, powerful tug is felt instead. Set the hook as soon as the fish's weight is felt, and begin reeling with the rod held high. If not, the fish may gain on you and tangle your line on the bottom. Once the fish is out of the danger zone, it may try a few downward surges, but you should have it, provided your partner is ready with the net.

Blackfish, like most bottom species on Long Island Sound, feed primarily during a tidal change, and prefer the early morning hours to the afternoon. Although large blackfish are scattered all along the Sound, two areas that have produced for me in the past, are at Old Field Pt., west of Port Jefferson Inlet, and Mulford Pt., west of Orient Pt. At Old Field Pt., try the waters about 3/4 miles northest of buoy 11A and west to the lighthouse, where another bell buoy is located. If the offshore rocks do not yield fish, try the shallower 20' depths, about 200 yards from shore, where other rocks abound. At Orient, most fishermen head east to the lighthouse for mixed-size blackfish, but I prefer the 40' depths off Mulford Pt. for bulldog blackfish. Here, too, try fishing inshore if the deeper waters fail to produce.

Most important, though, is locating the humpback porgies first. They'll take care of the rest.

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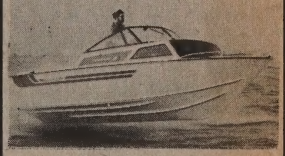

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FALL GRAB BAG

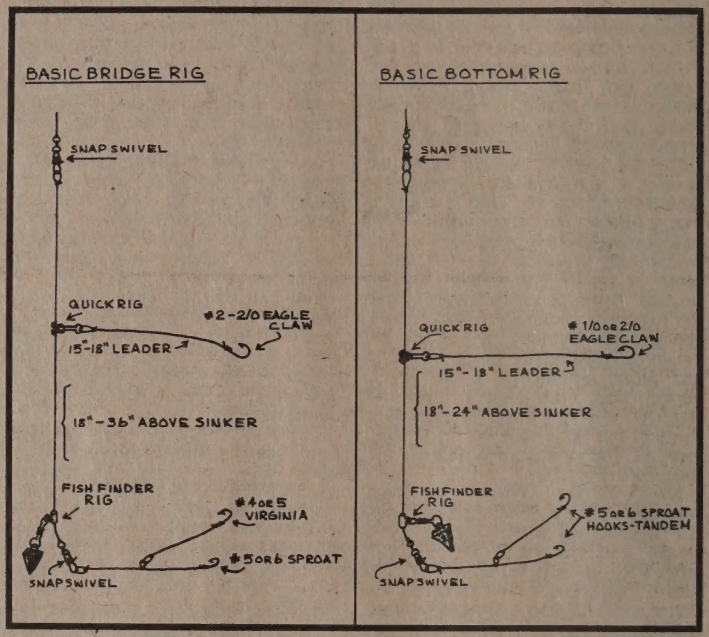
by John V. Konior

All things considered, I prefer the early fall season to any other period. It's a time where you experience a number of changes. First off, the weather. Barring any tropical storms, the cooling weather does wonders for the psyche. But most important of all is the variety of fish one encounters during this changing season.

There is no limit to the enjoyment I experience in almost not knowing what species of fish will bite next. It's not unusual to end up the day with a mixed bag of fish involving seven or eight species of fish. As September draws to a close, such species as fluke, porgies, sea bass, weakfish, snappers and kingfish begin their feeding frenzy prior to moving out of the bays. On the other hand, such species as flounder and blackfish begin to take hold. It's during this changeover, usually during the first few weeks in October (later if the weather holds up), that many varieties of fish are encountered. To sweeten the pot you'll also run up against blue claw and rock crabs and pick up an occasional blowfish and eel.

One of the best areas to fish during this period is the south shore, particularly areas near inlets and bridges. Having access to Jones Inlet, I concentrate my fishing in adjoining areas and am usually well rewarded.

The problems with this type of fishing, if I may express it as such, is what kinds of bait to bring along and how to rig up. Over the years I've decided on one type of rig, and while it certainly isn't a panacea for all species, it serves its purpose well. The rig consists of a fish finder to which I attach a tandem hook setup comprised of two #5 or #6 Sproat hooks; I then attach a 1/0 or 2/0 Eagle Claw hook with a 15'' to 18'' leader approximately 18'' to 24'' above the sinker via a quick rig. This rig is used when fishing away from the bridges. The only variations I will make when fishing the bridges is to change one of the Sproat hooks to a #5 Virginia and if snappers are abundant, change the Eagle Claw hook to a smaller sized #3 or #4 while sliding the hook up the line an additional 12'' or so. These rigs will suffice for practically any fish you will encounter. When fishing away from the bridges, the bottom hooks will catch porgies, flounder, kingfish, seabass, eels, blowfish and even snappers. The high hook will account for fluke and weakfish. When fishing the bridges the Virginia hook will enhance the probability of picking up blackfish, while the high hook will account for fluke, weaks, sea bass and snappers.



Rather than changing my rig around, I pre-rig several the day before and attach them to my line via a snap swivel. This tactic saves time and aggravation during the course of the day.

The real problem, as stated previously, is bait selection. No matter how you figure it, you're going to have to spend some bucks to bring along a variety of bait. A typical assortment of bait to include any combination of the following: blood and sand worms, skimmer clams, squid, spearing, killies, smelt, and chum such as ground clams, bunker and corn and mussels (later in the season).

There are days when I wished I had brought along more of one kind of bait than another. With the exception of sandworms and spearing which don't hold up well in storage, I freeze unused bait for the next trip and store the blood worms in the refrigerator (despite anguish from the wife).

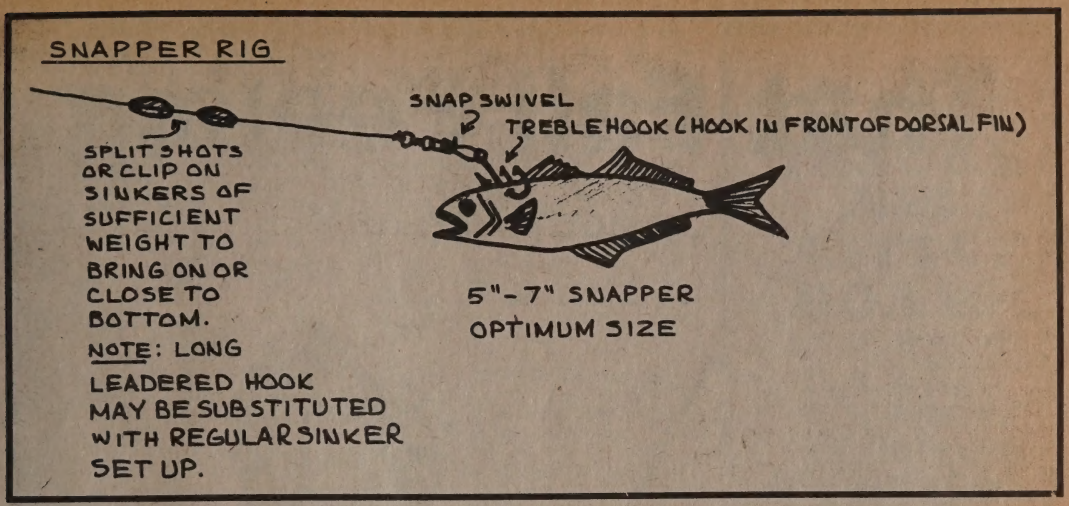
When fishing away from bridges, I will vary the bottom hooks with small strips of clam, squid, one inch pieces of either blood or sand worm, or a small spearing depending upon what is working best. When I'm by myself or only have one other angler on board I'll use two rods varying the baits accordingly. Sometimes this doesn't work out too well, particularly if the fish are biting well, because you'll end up losing more fish by missing bites. I bait up the high hook with a killie or a strip of squid or a whole sand worm, and at times will use combinations.

The use of chum depends on current speeds and whether there is a large population of pesty calico and spider crabs in the area. Sometimes a chum slick can prove to be a detriment because annoying calico crabs can literally clean you out of bait.

My favorite tackle for this type of fishing is spinning. I employ a light/medium 6½' spinning rod with a medium saltwater spinning reel loaded with 12 lb. test mono. I prefer a pyramid sinker just heavy enough to hold bottom.

Several of my favorite locations during the fall are holes located in the State Channel by the Amity and Gilgo cuts, the west channel of Zachs Bay across from the pond, the hole just outside of the east channel of Zachs Bay, the east side of ''four corners'' by the drain, Massapequa Cove, Fundy Bay, and a few spots in Merrick and East Bays. I generally sail out east and then work back to more western localities.

You may at first experience some difficulty in catching certain fish.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Each species hits differently. Porgies, for example, will give you sharp raps and the hook must be set quickly. However, if a fluke is encountered you don't want to set the hook as soon as a bite is felt. It could prove to be a bit frustrating at first, but after awhile you'll eventually pick up the knack of distinguishing the bites of one fish from another.

One other point worth mentioning. When I'm able to pick up a small snapper, I attach it to a treble hook in front of the dorsal fin. The treble hook is attached via a snap swivel to the line and I add one or two split shot sinkers for weight. Live snappers are particularly effective at this time for weaks and large fluke. For this reason, make sure you have a net on board.

It is during the "grab bag" season that bridge fishing proves to be particularly effective. As mentioned previously I opt for the rig variation which now includes a Virginia hook in place of one of the Sproats. Although it would probably be more prudent to switch to heavier tackle since currents are generally more swift around bridges and there is more debris, I still stick with the tackle I described before. However, I do bring along a heavier outfit with 20 lb. test mono just in case.

I prefer anchoring up-current from the bridge and therefore fish into the bridge among the abutments. Bridges will yield weaks, porgies, sea bass, snappers, blacks and large fluke. I find that clam bait is particularly effective around the bridges. Bottom hooks are baited with a two inch strip of clam and a fiddler crab on the Virginia hook. I attach a large killy through the lips on the high hook. Strangely enough, I often catch fluke on the clam bait and large sea bass on the killy.

When the current slows down and during the slack between tide changes I prefer to drift along the bridge. I find that this method works well for picking up large porgies, sea bass, kingfish and fluke. Once the tide has changed and the current sets, I re-anchor.

You will find that bridge fishing offers an even greater challenge, especially when the blackfish are biting. As a rule, I've found that the fish are bigger around these structures. My favorite bridges are the second and third Wantagh Causeways, the Meadowbrook and the Fundy Bay bridge.

During the course of the day I try to mix in a bit of bridge and non-bridge fishing. I tend to fish the bridges very early or late in the day when boat traffic is the least, and especially try to time it an hour or two prior to a tide change whenever possible.

The fall "grab bag" season is the best time to bring along the kids. It's a time when they, or even you, will have the opportunity to enjoy fishing you otherwise would not experience.

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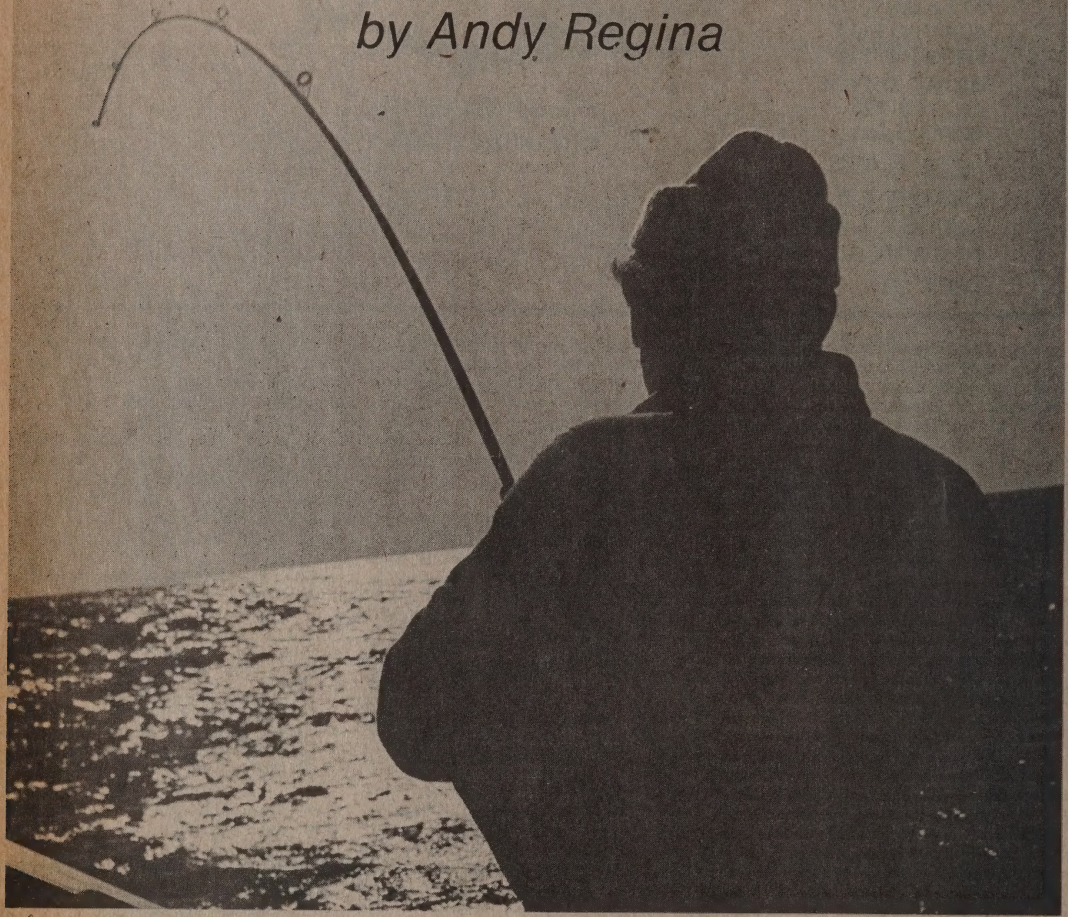
by Andy Regina



I live for the days and nights of autumn. Usually, September sees me come to life, and I thrive through November and sometimes into mid-December, if I am really lucky, on the great fishing that is usually available to the northeastern saltwater angler during that time. It makes no difference where you like to do your fishing, either. Some opt for the south shore of Long Island and the Atlantic Ocean; but I kind of have a thing going for the north shore of Long Island Sound.

As bait-rich waters reach temperature levels agreeable to many diverse species of fish, late summer residents tarry with incoming fall migrants, and the early vanguard of some winter species makes a surprise incursion—occasionally. Fluke (summer flounder) and porgies (scup) enrich the fish buckets of any bottom fishermen now seeking blackfish (tautog) or winter flounder, and early catches of cod, pollack, and whiting (silver hake) could prove to be additional pleasant surprises, at times.

In shore game fish such as striped bass, bluefish, and weakfish (sea trout) go on a feeding spree, fattening-up on mullet, bunker (menhaden), sand eels, and other baitfish, including the fry of the current year crop of their own species. There is an urgency to this fall feeding frenzy, spurred on by their own imminent annual migration departure. Now, also, offshore game fish such as bonito and albacore very often venture close to shore, once again adding some possible additional pleasant spice to the fall fisherman's life. (And very often surprising the hell out of beach rats and jetty jockeys!)

Boatmen reap rich harvests as fish strike trolled lures with wild, seemingly reckless, abandon. Umbrella rigs, single tubes, and swimming plugs all put fish in the box, as does that old reliable standby—the bucktail jig. For those who do not choose to troll, yet fish from boats, the diamond jig is the tool most drifters seem to prefer, usually used in close coordination with depth finders that can pinpoint fish or likely productive areas. Popping plugs and swimming plugs cast towards the rocks of jetties score well at this time for knowledgeable boatmen also.

As great as this time of the year could turn out to be for those afloat, it is perhas the one perfect time of the year to be on the beach, especially for dyed-in-the-wool beach rats. Now is the time to seek out some jetty on an inlet and to fish it on any moving tide, either day or night. Now is also the ideal time for both the bait fisherman and lure fisherman alike—as both or

either of the two methods can be highly rewarding. Surf fishermen rack up their best catches of the year, as departing shoals of baitfish hug the shore line in a desperate attempt to evade the relentless pursuit of game fish, which, in turn, serves to draw the baitfish into the range of the long sticks. There is some mystical, magical, almost supernatural mystique about jetties that makes them so appealing to us, and we find it so damned hard to resist that some forget about pounding sand at this time.

Big swimming plugs take up most of the room in plug bags now; ideal tools day or night, especially when fished s-l-o-w-l-y through a rip. Greens, greys, and blues predominate our color selection as we seek to "match the hatch" of mullet, bunker, or tinker mackerel. Some days see bottle plugs get a lot of use, both for the way they reach way out there, as well as for their deadly efficiency. White, yellow, and silver or chrome see a lot of daylight and more somber colors go on the night shift. Similar colors are employed for big floating plugs that imitate stickbait; plugs such as the Rebel Minnow or the Rebel Super Minnow, usually in big, seven inch sizes. Not to be overlooked are the jointed versions of these same plugs, which can, at times, prove more provocative, especially in quiet water. Popping plugs and metal lures are also good daylight choices; while at night, a yellow darting plug just might score when it seems that nothing else will. Still, if I had to rely on only one lure to do the job at night, I'd have to swear by the old eelskin plug, whereby an eelskin is slipped over a swimming plug and fished slowly along or very near the bottom, even amid the rocks.

The fairly recent upsurge in the sand eel population has seen a renaissance of the old beach rat's ace in the hole: the teaser fly. Probably as old as Frank Woolner, teaser flies seem to provoke greater responses from game fish by creating the illusion of a small baitfish (the teaser fly) trying to escape from a pursuing predator (the plug). Most catches will be made on the teaser, as jealous game fish somehow always manage to outrace the following plug to the fly. Rigged on a dropper anywhere from 18" to 3' ahead of the plug, teasers really do the job, and two of the best you can find are Angling Aids' "Droppa" and Blue Fox' "Red Gill Sand Eel."

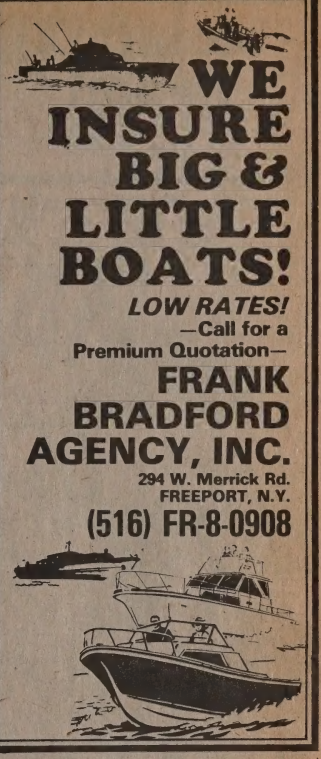
Bait should not be overlooked at this time either, and a fresh chunk of bunker, mullet, or mackerel will very often tempt bass, blues, or weaks, both day and night, when no plug or lure seems to produce. Seek out holes and sloughs to soak those chunks in, or the dropoffs paralleling bars—remembering to place that bait on the outside edge of the bar on outgoing tides and on the inside edge of the bar during incoming tide. Game fish love to lie off these bars, facing into the tide as it either flushes bait in or out.

The breakers will point out the bars, and any spaces in the line of breakers usually denotes a break in the bar itself. The game fish use this break as an entry or exit, as they chase the bait that also employs these natural passages for the same purposes. Sloughs are usually spotted because one section of the water is darker than the surrounding area, and are usually long in length, running parallel to the breakers or bars. Holes are also darker in color than their surrounding area, but unlike sloughs, are generally more rounded or oval shaped in appearance.

Whole dead baitfish, if fresh, is also a good bait now, if given some life-like movements by retrieving slowly along or near the bottom. Adding stinger hooks can help if fish are biting short. A stinger hook is merely a second hook connected to the original hook by a piece of leader, rigged to present the second hook a specific distance below the original hook. This specific distance is determined by the length of the bait being used at that time. Leaders are generally traces of monofilament, except when bluefish are on the scene, at which time a trace of wire or mono covered wire leader will serve you better.

We love to fish live bait—either free-lined at mid-depths or on a fish finder rig on the bottom—for the greater anticipated thrill it offers. Feeling that bait trying to escape a predator never fails to get our adrenalin flowing, and the breath-holding wait as some game fish swims off with your bait can be almost unbearable—but great. Live baitfish can be hooked either through the lips, or under the dorsal fin, deep enough for secure holding but not deep enough to injure the spinal column, which would kill it. You do not have to cast these baits out too far either, as the deep water adjacent to most jetties is a favorite hunting grounds for feeding game fish. Bunkers and mackerel, from pint-sized pee-wees to foot-long adults, are very efficient live baits, and the current year crop of weakfish and bluefish (snappers) is also an excellent bait.

Live eels and seaworms are also excellent choices at this time. Unlike seaworms, which are almost always taken head-first by bass and weakfish, eels are usually mouthed as the fish swims off with them a short distance before pausing momentarily to turn the eel around in its jaws, to swallow it head-first. This is the nerve-wracking, fingernail-biting pause we sweat through, waiting for the fish to resume its swimming. It could be but seconds, yet feels like a lifetime! If your nerves hold out and your patience puts Job to shame, you just may set the hook at the precise moment, and be tied into a battler that will make a believer out of you also. When it happens, you will be as convinced as I am, that there ain't no fishing quite like fall fishing!



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Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

Charter boat **Nostalgia II** called to say that Saturday's trip for 3 attorneys, Rich Stavin, Alan Atlas, and Doug Dehm totaled 18 gorilla bluefish at Cartwright on herring. The skipper says he will be doing some heavy duty blackfishing also in the upcoming weeks at Little Gull and Plum Islands.

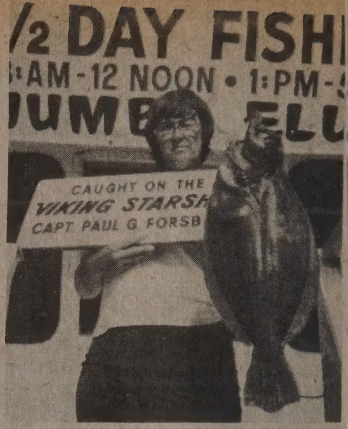
Nancy Larusso and Nancy O'Connor with a pair of tuna to 54 lbs. taken on the "Mako Express" at Montauk.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** reports excellent catches of striped bass from 18 lbs. up and weakfish from 8-10 lbs. from Montauk Point to Shagwong on diamond jigs. Mike says there is abundance of bluefish in the 2-5 lb. range just waiting to grab diamond jigs in this area.

Captain Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** tells us he is catching loads of porgies from mediums to jumbos with consistency being the by-word. Catches are ranging from 100-150 porgies a man fishing at the Point and also off New London, Ct. The day bluefishing trips are resulting in catches of 15-20 choppers a man in the 10-20 lb. range. Nights are a little less productive, but not much less. A 24 lb. blue was decked by regular Warren Koch. Please note that all bluefish tickets are sold for Oct. 10.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reports tremendous catches of porgies fishing off Block Island. These are mediums to jumbos and Paul plans to be fishing the Island from now on. The Coxes Ledge cod trips remain good with the fish averaging 12 lbs. and the pool fish usually in the 30s. The night bluefishing at Cartwright remains astounding with all giant fish. Please note that the Coxes Ledge and Outer Banks trips are now sailing at 4:30 a.m. daily.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** reports the alligator blues are still holding sway at



Mary Ann Houston of Patchogue displays the 12.9 lb. fluke she took at Montauk aboard the "Viking Star."

Cartwright and are being taken on bait. Smaller blues and weakfish are a good item from Shagwong to the Point with some striped bass mixed in. The skipper has this Sunday open due to a last minute cancellation. See ad for phone number if interested.

Captain Ron of the **Julie III** tells us that Sunday's charter led by Tom Kelly decked 48 big blues at Cartwright in the 12-16 lb. range, all on diamond jigs.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** called to report his customers have been getting a total of 2-6 striped bass per trip during the latter part of the week fishing the Point. These fish are running 15-25 lbs. and being taken on both umbrellas and on diamond jigs. Thursday was the boat's last offshore trip of the season and over 100 bluefish were hoisted off Block Island.

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

HAMPTON BAYS

"Flounder have taken over the scene in this area" according to Hohn Mangino of **Corr's Mariner's Cove.** catches of 15 to 20 fish per man are about the average, though some do better. On sunday, the **DiGeorgio** brothers had over 60 flat flounder in the basket area. Both sand and blood worms are working. Boats running through the canal to Peconic Bay are still scoring well with porgies on clam.

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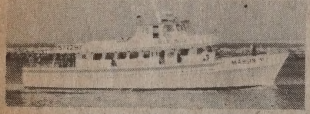

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Richard Carr and sons and a 151 lb. mako taken on the "Barracuda" at Montauk.

Moriches area is enjoying an excellent run of fall flounder. Big fish are in the open bay, but large numbers of smaller fish are available in the buoy 52 to 54 area when the wind blows. The best catches are being made on blood or sand worms with mussel chum. On Saturday, Rich DiCharia and Frank Penillo had over 150 keepers to 1½ pounds near buoy 52, while John Raffaele, Anthony Edwards and Rosario LaDuca took 140 flatties up to 2 pounds along with some porgies and sea bass at buoy 54.

"Flounder fishing is in full swing out here", said Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station.** Saturday saw plenty of fish taken, but many were on the smaller side. Sunday was a different story with everyone returning with real nice size flatties. For number, Stan Bigona and Chuck Van Hoesen returned with 132 flounder from buoy 44. Jim sampled the fishing himself on Sunday and in short order put away 62 big flounder. He was joined by Mark ELF. The pair fished Haven's Point with blood worms and mussel chum. Blue claws have been fairly abundant, but the best is yet to come, according to Jim. Use rings in the buoy 44 area.

Gary, of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station**, described the flounder fishing as excellent despite the uncooperative weather. Some boats are taking 50 to 60 fish in the 1 to 1½ pound range on blood worms at buoys 42, 44 and at Haven's Point. Blue claw crabs are being taken on flounder rigs in these areas also. Rudy Venderber and 2 friends had 62 nice flatties on Sunday.

MASTIC BEACH

"Pretty good flounder fishing" said Gary of **Stiriz's Fishing Station.** Fish have improved in size, and boats are averaging about 30 to 40 flatties apiece from buoys 9 to 21. Blood worms fished on outgoing water have been the ticket, and a few small sea bass are mixed with the flounder. Lots of crabs are being taken by those with traps. Fred Stuart and Harold Benson had 85 blue claws at buoy 17.

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Fred Formato of **Formato's Fishing Station** confessed that flounder are off to a slow start in this part of the bay, but no one seems to mind thanks to the fine run of blackfish on the Kismet reef. Fiddler and green crabs are being used to take the tautogs up to 8 pounds. Many are in the 2 to 3 pound class.

OAKDALE

Improved flounder fishing for boats running to the sore thumb or west in the state channel according to Dave Canale of **J & R Sport Center.** On Saturday, Frank Karshick and his 11 year old daughter Amy used worms, clams and chum to take 37 keepers behind the Thumb. Blacks remain very good at Kismet on crab bait and a few bass at the inlet on eels and blackfish. For fresh water fans, some big trout taken out of Connetquot Park this week.

EAST ISLIP

From **Peppy's Bait & Tackle,** Irene spoke of very good blackfishing at Kismet. Carl Sapolin, aboard the Naughty Monty, took 40 blacks to 5½ pounds on the weekend. **Six** year old Richie Simmons of E. Islip was introduced to blackfishing aboard his dad's boat this week. On the youngster's first attempt at tautogs, he boated a scrappy 3 pounder. For flounder, Irene suggested the pocket of the east side of the Sore Thumb.

Fred Mello, Bay Shore and Chip Libertino, Oakdale, show the 5 bass to 56 lbs. 10 oz. which they took in Fire Island Inlet. They checked the catch in at J&R Sport Center in Oakdale.

BAY SHORE

Very good blackfishing at Kismet and lots of flounder in the state channel and in the pocket off Oak Beach said Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait & Tackle.** Use crabs for the blacks, and worms and chum for the flounder. Porgies and sea bass still available near buoy 4 in West Channel on clams.

A few big weaks remain for livliners near the WR buoy and a couple of bass are being taken at the Inlet on eels. Carl reminded us that he has a good supply of eels on hand for bass fans. When wind and sea permit, blues, weaks, and albacore are being trolled along the beach east of the pound nets on umbrella rigs. Big blues on offshore wrecks for jiggers and chummers.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the open boat **Casey Lee,** said blackfishing continues to be excellent on all bay wrecks and reefs. A lot of the fish are in the 2 to 4 pound range and a few sea bass are mixed in.

CAPTREE

Captain Rod Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Rod** spoke of good flounder fishing in the State Channel and some pretty good fishing at Heckscher Park also. Many fares have been taking from 15-20 flatties apiece on worms and clams. High hook on Saturday accounted for 34 flounder. Fish are being caught on both incoming and outgoing water.

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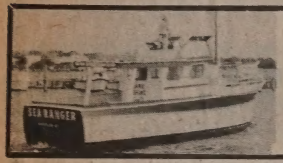

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The open boat **Jib** reports blackfishing has been very good on local inshore wrecks with the best action coming around the change of tides. Fiddler crabs are far and away the

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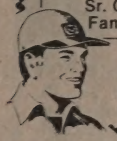

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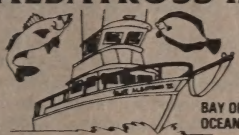

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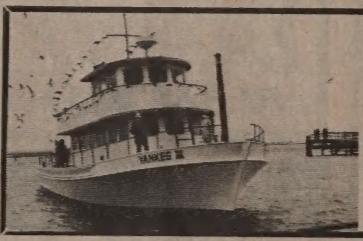

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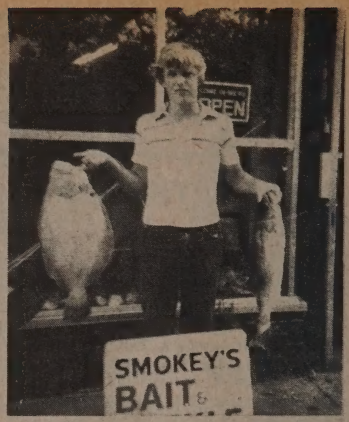

Ed Quaranth with an 8¼ lb. fluke and a 5 lb. weak taken along South Beach. Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait & Tackle.

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most effective bait. Most fish are averaging 2-3 lbs., but a couple of bulldogs are taken each day. On Thursday, Bill hones had a 6¾ lb. tautog, while on Sunday Dennis Rizzati was not only high hook with 38 blacks, but also took the pool with a 5 lber.

On the **Capt. Whitaker** blackfishing was good during the week and over the weekend. Average fish run 2-2½ lbs., with catches ranging anywhere from 5-15 fish a man. A few fares managed to do much better. All fishing is done on wrecks inside the bay and a few sea bass have been mixed with the blackfish.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the open boat **Speedy Vi** called the bluefishing very good on most days. Sunday was a super day fishing offshore wrecks with 10-18 lb. class fish being taken on diamond jigs and bait. Night trips have been running anywhere from 20-50 fish a man while catches during the day are in the 10-20 per man range. With any kind of a break in thw weather Speedy expects we could have one of the best fall runs in a long time. He reminded that crowds are light and the fish are big.

Captain Richie Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** spoke of very good flounder fishing in the state channel and said that most of the fish are nice sized and are being taken on both worms and clams. Fish are being caught on both tides with a few blowfish and blue claw crabs mixed in. Richie labeled the fishing as the best fall action in the past couple of years.

BABYLON

The results of the Babylon Tuna Club Blackfish Derby were passed along to us by Ski Kochanski of **Augies Bait & Tackle. Fisherman** staffer, "Doc" Grell copped first place with an 8½ pound tautog. Joe Salano nailed down second with a 7½ pounder, and Joe Paradiso finished

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third with a 7.2 pound black. Most of the fishing was done at Kismet. Ski added that flounder action has picked up in the state channel and in the Sore Thumb pocket. A rough ocean has kept most boats from fishing outside the inlets.

Charter boat **Luci ii** reported thata party of 6, led by George Pariso of Liberty, N.Y., loaded up with blackfish, sea bass and porgies fishing in the vicinity of West Island. The largest tautog was a 5 lber. Flounder fishing in the state channel at Lindenhurst and Amityville has been excellent on blood worms according to Capt. Jack.

LINDENHURST

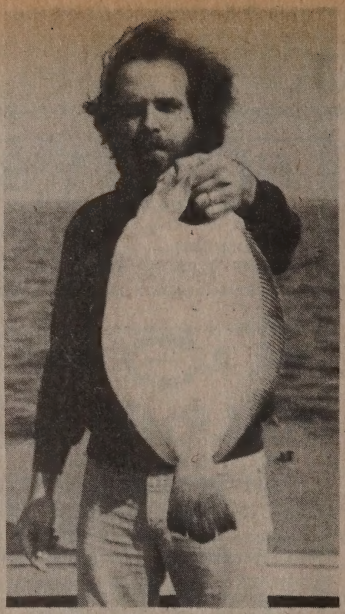
"Best action over the weekend was with flounder in the Amity cut" said Mike of **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle.** On Saturday, Joe an Stella Pappalarda had 54 flatties on blood worms and clams. The same day, Fred Goodwin took 17 in less than two hours. On Sunday, Jim Scarola had 75 flatties while also on Sunday, Bill and Bob Macaluso checked in with 30 keepers. Mike added that some bass were taken locally on eels and reminded us that he has a supply of the snakes.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs of **Comb's Bait & Tackle** spoke of very good flounder fishing at 4 corners, Mass. Cove, Fort Neck Point, Amity Cut and West Island. Worms and mussel or clam chum account for the best scores. A few blowfish and sea bass on squid at the 3rd bridge and good blacks at the bridges. Some big weakfish west of the meadowbrook on live blackfish. No one has been outside due to a rough ocean

SEAFORD

From **Wanser's Bait & Tackle,** Lon extolled the flounder fishing in the area. Four corners, Mass Cove and the Wantagh bridges have been consistent producers. Most fish are in the ½ to 1 pound category, and a few sea bass, porgies, blowfish and kingfish are mixed in. Crabbing is very good with traps in the channels and the same can be said for blackfishing at the local bridges. Some bass and weaks are being live-lined in the bay.



Al Beukelaen shows off his second "keeper" ever. The 4 lbers. came from Great South Bay. Subscriber photo.

Art of **Capt. Eddies Fishing Station** said that plenty of flounder are being taken in Massapequa Cove and at Four Corners. Blowfish are mixed in along with a few kingfish. Seventy nine year old Willie and a friend loaded up on flatties to 1½ lbs. on Sunday. Art suggested bringing along a net because blueclaws are also taking the flounder rigs.

From **Pop's Fishing Station,** John described the flounder fishing as excellent with some sea bass, crabs and blowfish mixed in. Average catch per boat has been in the 35 to 40 fish range, though some do much better. Rich Farnsworth, Andy Moschetto and Alcamo, Sicily Police Chief, John Gaudiosa, had 125 flounder, plus some blowfish and sea bass one day last week between the second and third bridges. Four Corners and Massapequa Cove have also produced good scores.

On Friday, Frank and Don Santillo had 100 flatties on worms and mussel chum, while on Sunday, John Guly and a friend filled two five gallon pails.

Capt. Brian of the open boat **Chinco ii** called the flounder fishing fantastic with some fares taking as many as 30 fish apiece. Sand worms and outgoing water have been a sure fire connection. Fish run from 1½ to 1¾ lbs. Brian is now sailing a newer, bigger boat, so there is plenty of room aboard.

BELLMORE

From the **Merrick Tackle,** Scott spoke of plenty of flounder at the Coast Guard Station, Fundy Creek and Swift Creek on blood worms with mussel or clam chum. A few sea bass and blowfish are mixed with the flatties. Blackfish are at the Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges on fiddlers and green crabs.

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Super bluefishing, says Captain Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al.** Adrian and

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Al Warg of East Norwich connected with big blues . Al bagged a 17½ lber, but as the fates would have it his better half bagged an 18 lber. Al will probably be hearing about that one for quite awhile. Elmont Anglerette Gail Vilardi had 4 gorillas in the 17 lb. range. Pat Lindroth, the skipper's wife took a 15 lber. on Sunday. This was all fishing SE of Jones Inlet at two wrecks, all on diamond jigs with green tails. Al says the bluefishing these last two weeks has been very consistent with mostly big fish. He says the fall run is really starting now and there are still a few albies and bonito mixed in.

The **Capt. Lou Fleet** tells of an excellent flounder week. On Wednesday Paul Wetterau of Franklin Square bagged up with 103 good flounder. On Thursday, 12 fares had nearly 700 flounder. Things slowed on the weekend but catches were still good. High hooks averaged in the 60s on fish of 1/2 to 2¼ lbs. During the week, 6 year old Danny (last name unknown) had 23 flounder including a 2½ lb. pool winner. This was all on the full day boat on worms and clams. Aboard the half day boat, excellent catches were also recorded with high hooks ranging in the 30s. Fishing is being done in local creeks and channels and the catches are consistent from day to day.

Captain Pat of the **Lady J III** on Monday fished NYCPD and they had decent bluefish jigging despite heavy seas, working in 110' of water SEof the inlet. Saturday's trip for Cleeban Tool Co. of Westbury had a pick on blues despite continual crummy conditions. Sunday's trip for a group of attorneys from Schulte, Roth and Zabel, NYC had a good day's mixed bag fishing, taking flounders, sea bass, blacks and kingfish around the Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridge areas and Long Creek on worm and clam bait.

Captain Paul on the **Aloma II** tells us that Sunday's catch consisted of a lot of sea bass up to 2 lbs. porgies to 2 lbs. and blackfish to 5 lbs. on some ocean wrecks.

Lou's Fishing Station reports that during the week, the Cholera area produced good catches of big bluefish for fishermen using diamond jigs and also fishing bait on the bottom. A 21 lb. blue was taken at Cholera Friday. These were for some of the hardy souls who managed to make it offshore. Sunday afternoon at the change of tide, stripers, weaks, and blues were taken in good numbers at West Bar, with a few 20 lbers. mixed in. Highest scores were racked up by those boats trolling 3 tube "multi lures" of various colors. These are 3 surge tubes one behind the other in line. For details, call Lou at the station. Blackfishing remains excellent at the bridges and wrecks and jetties on green crab. Lots of sea bass and some porgies still in the bay. Flounder are a good item but you have to search around for your spot. Lou heard of 3-5 hookups with giants at the Mud Hole, but is not sure if any were taken.

Fuzzy Wengler of Atlantis Anglers , along with 3 pals, on a trip to test out his new Loran, took 250 lbs. of blackfish on an inshore wreck. With Fuzzy on the boat were Bill Kost, and Fred matthews.

Captain Ron on the charter boat **Northstar** called to report fair bluefishing Saturday SE of the inlet in rough seas and high winds on jigs. Another group had good bluefishing Sunday with fish up to 16 lbs. for the East Norwich Fire Department, SE of the inlet on Ava 47s or 67s, with or without tails. Ron says he still has a few weekend dates available for October.

Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** has been having very good flounder fishing everyday this week, working local waters. His catches have been averaging 40-50 fish a man.

The **Bluefin Fleet** reports good bluefishing all week SE of Jones with a mix in of bonito and albies. Blues are averaging 5-7 lbs. with some 10-15 lbers. mixed in on jigs. The boats are drifting or anchoring up, depending on sea conditions. It's bait and chum at night, of course. High hook of the week was Doug Herbst, Suffern of EPA with a 24 lb. bluefish. Bart Varca of Mamaroneck of the Pepsi-Cola Company rang the bell with a 15 lb. 1 oz. blue. Strangest catch of the week was on a night blue trip when Queens angler Charlie Ingrassio hooked and landed a 12 lb. fluke on a butterfish fished on a sinker rig. High hook on the same night's trip was Bob Ingrassio, Jr. Bluefishng has been consistent for the last 2 weeks.

Captain Billy Lindroth of the **Capt. Bill** sailing 2 half day flounder trips daily reports that Wednesday saw Spencer and Ella Thomas of Freeport catch 80 flounder. On Tuesday, Carmine Ceasaro of Freeport had 40 flounder. Roosevelt Rogers had 38 flatties Saturday and 35 Sunday. There have been very good catches all week long said Bill who was fishing local spots, no bridges. Pool fish are going 2½ lbs. in general and fish are averaging 3/4 to 1½ lbs.

Freeport Boatmens Association tells us that the **Super Spray II** enjoyed an excellent cod wreck trip on October 4, fishing the Calimbra. Mostly cod were caught with a mixture of pollack, big blues and a couple of hake. High hook was 9 fish and a 38 lb. cod took the $710 pool. The boat is sailing another one of these cod wreck trip specials October 18 and there are still some tickets left, but call soon because this popular trip books out very quickly. The Association boats that got out on the weekend were able to diamond jigs big bluefish fishing 20 miles SW of the inlet and also back at Cholera, 8 miles south of the inlet. The Association boats that fished flounder found them eager to feed in Long Creek, Swift Creek and in Merrick and Bellmore Bays.

The **Capt. Gary** on Saturday worked

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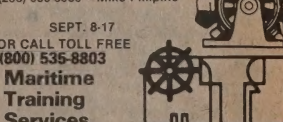

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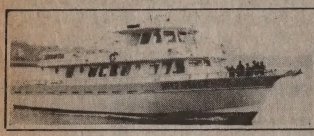

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the bay for Anchor Motor Freight, New Jersey and this group had excellent mixed bag fishing for flounder, sea bass, kings and blackfish at the Coast Guard Station, Swift Creek and Reynolds. Pool fish was a 5 lb. black. The boat will be running as an open boat Sunday, 8AM for flounder and Gary also has some choice October charter dates open.

Larry at **Mako Marina** gives the results of the Long Island Tuna Tournament held on Sunday which was a success in spite of the weather. Fishing the Mud Hole, the chumming division was won by Capt. Mike Miller aboard the charter boat **Apus**, fishing the Mako Marina fishing team which took 1st prize of $1190 with a 44 lb. bluefin tuna. First prize in the trolling category was Joe Masone's Debra with a 70 lb. bluefin tuna that took a $714 prize. Second place went to Nicky Decio with a 21 lb. bluefin tuna aboard the Roseann and walked off with $298 prize money. Third place went to Charlie Miller on the boat Sea Quest, bagged a 19 lb. true albacore and $178 in prize money. Club trophy went to the Tournament Anglers. Captain's Award went to Joe Masone who stayed with a boat at the Canyon that was disabled until help arrived.

BALDWIN

Mike at **Arthur St. Fishing Station** tells of good flounder catches brought into the station from buoy 17 in Reynolds, Garretts Lead, Scow Creek and the Hole' in front of the CG station. The offshore picture was punk due to high winds. Good blackfish catches continue at the bridges on fiddlers.

POINT LOOKOUT

Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** called to say that Saturday's charter for Oceanside anglers fished the bay and had a good pick of flounder east of the Jones Beach piers, plus a sea bass slaughter for 2 hours at the Meadowbrook bridge on clam. They also had a smattering of blackfish. Sunday's trip in 120' of water SE of the Inlet saw good bluefishing in the morning while anchored up, jigging and chumming. Bluefish ran 6-12 lbs. while bonito and albies went to 10 lbs. Two customers tied for high hook honors, each with a 20 lb. blue. Still 2 open slots for the October 12 tuna trip. See ad for details.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** reports blues up to 19 lbs. taken in 30' to 60' of water during the week and weekend on umbrellas and spoons. In the bay action on sea bass and flounder were good at Meadowbrook bridge on worm and clam. Catches were equally good in Swift Creek and Reynolds channel buoy 17. Swift and the CG station had to be rated best.

Ed's Fishing Station reports that their rentals had flounder catches despite the high winds. Fish were mixed sizes and were taken in Swift Creek, the Meadowbrook bridge area and from buoys 16 to 18, Reynolds. Blackfish to 4 lbs. a very good item at the Meadowbrook, Long Creek and Loop bridges. Sea bass to 1½ lbs. in SeaDog Creek, Middle bay, buoys 16 and 18, Reynolds. A few kingfish and sand porgies mixed in.

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ISLAND PARK

The Commodore had flounder catches this weekend that the skipper rated from fair to good. The boat worked Reynolds Channel and fares averaged 30 flatties a man on Sunday. On Saturday, it was 15-20 fish a man. Fish are running 1/2 to 1¾ lbs. on worms.

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook tells of lots of flounder with chum being a very important factor if you want quantities of fish. Mussel chum is the best, says Charlie. Try Haunts Creek, Broad Channel, Shaffers Creek and Cinder Creek at theire respective mouths. Blackfishing has also been excellent at all bridges and rock piles and wrecks on fiddlers and green crabs.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina says flounders are there to be caught if you can get out. The rental boats are averaging 20 flatties per boat, fish going about 1 lb. Best action has been the entrance to Hog Channel. The railroad trestle, cement block and across from the fire house on worms. Utilization of chum will pratically assure you of a bigger catch. Both tides are working. Blackfish still good at the Atlantic Beach bridge and off the Atlantic beach jetties on sand fleas. Bernie brings to our attention the fact that a lot of people are

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** says that the blackfishing is excellent at the Atlantic Beach Bridge and the Silver Point jetty on fiddlers and green crab. Flounder have been a very good item at Woodmere Bay on worm and clam. Offshore has been a private boat wipeout due to the high winds. A good number is sea bass at buoy 10, west of the Atlantic beach bridge on squid and clam.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait and Tackle reports that on Thursday Joe Roman scored with a 10½ and 13½ lb. blue on bunker chunk at dead low tide. He also had a 9½ and a 10 lb. weak off the South Channel bridge. The catch was made at around 4Am. Al Trinidad weighed in a 19 lb. 8 oz. blue and a 15¾ lb. blue and a 10 lb. weak taken off the South Channel bridge on outgoing tide. This was also on bunker chunk fished on the bottom. Nelson Kennedy on Saturday caught a 17¾ lb. blue on live bunker off the North Channel bridge. Friday Joe Roman returned and accounted for an 18 lb. blue taken off the South Channel bridge on a bunker chunk in the early morning hours. Blackfishing remains goods, fish up to 2¾ lbs. off both bridges on fiddlers and green crabs and clam. Flounder fishing remains steady on worms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** tells us his customers have been catching plenty of fluke on the days he can get out. Sunday's catch was excellent, catch averaging 15-30 keeper fluke a man, fish up to 4 lbs. Fishing was between the channels and off Jersey. One hundred keepers were taken during the first hour's fishing. The boat is switching now to sea bass, blacks and porgies due to customer demand. As always, free crabs will be on board, included in the fare.

Captain Tommy of the **Pilot II** tells us that Sunday's blackfishing was good despite the winds, with a lot of 4-5 lbers. taken. Pool fish ran 7 lbs. and catches averaged 25 fish a man. The skipper says the porgies should take hold again once the wind lays down.

Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** says that bluefishing has been picky at the Farms, but the fish that are being jigged are gorillagators. The numbers have not been great but quality is there. There have also been some albies mixed in to liven up the action. The skipper expects the bluefishing to swing into a fall extravaganza once settled weather

moves in and the wind stops blowing.

Mike's Bait and Tackle reports a lot of the bluefish boats have been taking loads of albacore off the Jersey Coast while the bluefish have taken a back seat temporarily. Bonito are also running with the albies. The black-fishing is good at wrecks and rocks on clam and crab. Good flounder catches being made off the Rockaways, fish averaging a pound.

STATEN ISLAND

Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** reports big bluefish and weaks being caught off Oakwood on live snapper and cut bunker. Weaks running 8-12 lbs. and blues 12-16 lbs. Blackfish being caught at the Bug Light on green crabs and fiddlers. The bays are still loaded with snappers and Princess Bay has 4-7 lb. bluefish from the surf and from boats for trollers and jiggers. There's been a showing of small bass off Penny Beach on drifted sand worms. Try the Stapleton Piers if you're after blue claw crabs.

North Shore Report

by Martin Garrell

NEW ROCHELLE

At **John's Gun & Tackle,** John Palmieri said that teen sized blues could still be taken ot top with plugs and with bunker chunks. The Larch-emont Breakwater produced last week. Blackfishing was pretty good, flounder have started, and there are still snappers around.

CITY ISLAND

Greg Warner of **City Island Bait & Tackle** said that sheltered areas like No Nation's Rocks, Pea Island and New Rochelle were producing black-fish to 9 lbs. last week on green and fiddler crabs. Usually, outgoing water is best locally with typical sinker weights of 3 to 4 ozs.

HUNTINGTON

Dave Krolikowski at **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle** saw three coolers of big porgies from the Rips off buoy 13 before the weekend, but mentioned that it was tricky to locate the fish. Bass fishing is picking up in the area for those who troll bucktails on wire and fish jigs. Most boats saw action before the wind came up Friday, although the beaches produced fish through the blow.

Packy Collins said that his son Billy had taken a pretty good shot at the blues with the **Every Ready** on Sunday. Catches averaged 10 fish per

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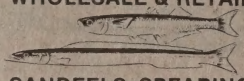

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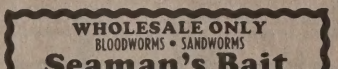

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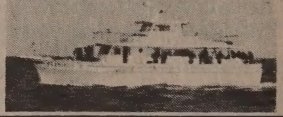

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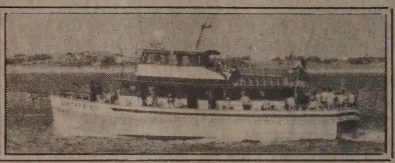

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Lou Figurelli, President of N.R.P.A., with a jumbo blue and a tiderunner weak taken near Staten Island. They weighed 17¾ and 13½ lbs. respectively. Subscriber photo.

Eric Sesack and Scott Kertes with blues and weaks taken on a night trip off Lloyd's Neck. Subscriber photo.

man, and choppers were 2 to 5 lbs. Along with the blues were a couple of little tunny and 6 bass to 13 lbs. A number of big bass were hooked and lost by diamond jiggers. Because of the action, Bill never had to go after tautog. Collins expects to run until the second week of November and feels that the bass should peak around Nov. 1st.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman saw a few bluies to 5 lbs. at **Bowman's** on Thursday, plus some nice blackfish to 5 lbs., flounder, and porgies to 2 lbs. on Friday. When the winds came up over the weekend, snapper fishing in the sheltered harbor was still productive.

KINGS PARK

John Koliner at the **OK Bait & Tackle** said that a lot of anglers were working the mouth of the Nissequogue on Sunday with good results. Sand bars on either side of the River were producing 3 lb. blues with some 8 to 10 lb. fish in the area. One boat had five gallons of 1 lb. flounder; blackfishing is picking up, but the porgies have thinned out. Best bottom fishing seemed to be two hours on either side of high water. On Friday, some school bass to 6 lbs. showed up for those using Rebels and Hopkins.

PORT JEFFERSON

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** said that beach anglers were doing well on blues and blackfish. Bait had taken some slammer bluefish; one fish from the area went 21 lbs.

John Fisher found some decent blackfish action with the **Aqua Gem** on Sunday, despite the wind. Fishing was in local areas like Oldfield Point and Flack' Pond with an average of 12 fish per man and ther were quite a few 4 to 5 lb. tautog in the catch. Porgies have dwindled in both number and size. Fisher expects to be sailing through Election Day.

MOUNT SINAI

Mrs. Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** said that blackfish have started off well in the zone around Miller Place Beach. Porgies were still around, and one local bass of 15 lbs. fell for a live eel.

North Fork Report

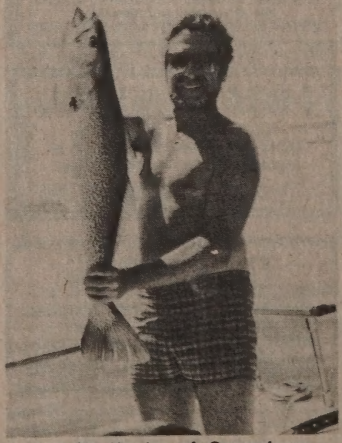
by Martin Garrell

AQUEBOGUE

Ed kopack at **Warren's Tackle Center** said that The Gut was producing a lot of bass ad blues during the daytime on bucktails, and there was some plugging action off Plum Island as well. Anchored boats had shown up with nice catches of flounder of 1½ to 2 lbs. off Brown's Buoy and Red Cedar Point.

MATTITUCK

Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** saw some very good blackfish to 9 lbs. on Friday off the Firing Range. Big porgies were mixed with catches of blacks on that day, but a couple of private boats tried for the scup on Sunday without



Art Sholinsky of Greenlawn caught this 14 lb. weakfish at the Eaton's Neck Triangle on a Tri-Fin Whiptail. Photo courtesy of Bowman's Sporting Goods.

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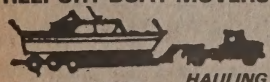

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NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria at Captain Marty's expect to stay open a couple of weeks more, hoping for better weather and more favorable weather reports. Two boats left the station Sunday working on porgies, and flounder should be starting.

SOUTHOLD

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** warns that anglers fishing off Orient between the blows should expect better action on blackfish than on flounder until the water settles. Marina boats did well on Friday at the Light on blackfish, but flounder action at Orient was poor that day. Although the Greenlawns was unfishable over the weekend in the northwest blow, the Brickyard held small blackfish for 9 boats that worked on them. Porgy catches off buoys 17 and 18 had dropped way off.

Coe Harris at **Southold Bait and Tackle** told us that bunker chunkers were doing well on blues on both sides of Horton's but that the water was too dirty to fish lures. The Gut had big blues and bass to teen sizes for those who drifted with bucktails.

GREENPORT

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** said that the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** were slaughtering the humpbacked porgies off the New London Dumping Grounds. After another week or two, the boats will probably be shifting to blackfish. Private boats and charters were "knocking the hell out of the blues" east of Gardiner's off Green Hills and sometimes in the Gut as well. Fish in the Gardiner's area were mixed sizes around 4-5 lbs., whereas the fish in Pigeon Rip and the Race were big blues. Flounder could be found off East Marion between the Ferry and the Point along with a few blackfish.

Surf anglers were hauling blackfish to 10 lbs. off some beaches.

Anna May Rainis told us that George will be using the **Blue Albatross** as an open boat on blackfish until October 9 and then between October 29 and November 9 to finish out the season. One of the biggest tautog of the season, an 11¼ lber., was taken by Al Schnorr a week ago last Saturday.

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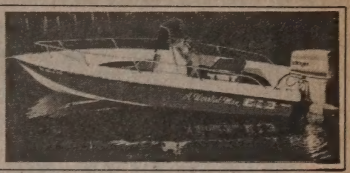

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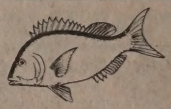

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South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SAG HARBOR

The **Wilhelric II** tells of continued porgy action which the skipper describes again as "beyond your wildest dreams." New London seems to be holding a huge body of porgies. Fish are mixed sizes on squid and clam and there seem to be more jumbos around than mediums. With abating winds, the catch usually goes way up.

SHINNECOCK

The **Capt. Clark II** called to say Saturday's ocean wreck trip saw good action on sea bass and blackfish, but they only hit two wrecks due to the blustery weather and the heavy seas. Sunday the boat wreck fished just one hour east of the inlet and had FANTASTIC results on sea bass, blacks and porgies with a sprinkling of triggerfish throughout the day. Joe Ganci of Islip was high hook with two buckets of fish. Joe also took the pool with a 7 lb. blackfish. Ocean wreck trips are scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 10, 11 and 12. The boat will be sailing Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays only until December 1.

Speck's Bait and Tackle tells of good flounder action in Shinnecock Bay and Canal, the Basket and Greenlawn. Best bet for flatties is west of the Coast Guard station on worm and clam on either tide, with incoming the best. The full moon this coming weekend should give catches a boost. Very good blackfishing at the Shinnecock jetty for fish 2-5 lbs. on green crab. Smaller blacks in the canal. At the Peconics, flounder are a good item at Jessup's with smaller fish in the harbors. It's the tail end of the porgy season in Noyac and Peconic, so give Gardiner's Island a shot if you're after some dinner plates. Blackfishing at the Brickyard and Shelter Island are worthwhile on fiddler crabs and clam. Tom says it looks like an excellent flounder season.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

While the surf fishing here on the Island appears to be picking up steam, action on the Cape opened up last week after a long spell of picky action. Richie Brennan of the Sound Surf Club reported that he and several club members returned from the Cape "all smiles" after taking a total of 30 bass up to 48 lbs. Most were in the 30 lb. class and a load of bluefish were beached as well. Most of the bass were taken on eels in the Chatham-Nauset area.

Here's the way things looked closer to home. Along western south shore beaches, Bernie Haag of the Long Beach Sports Marina reported a good run of school fish from Pt. Lookout to Atlantic Beach. Some bigger fish are mixed in as well with the cows being taken on Atom 40s, bunker chunks or eels. Schoolies are being taken on small poppers, and Rebels fished with a dropper ahead of the plug. Bernie himself had 14 small bass on Rebels and droppers, fishing between Lafayette and New York avenues Wednesday and Thursday. Tom Butler used a popper to take 4 schoolies to 8 lbs. from the rocks at Roosevelt Avenue.

In the Jones Beach area, Jason Colby was hard at work this past week if the results of his efforts are any indication of his labor. Last Wednesday morning, the hard fishing angler landed his 6th striper over 50 lbs. from the Long Island shore. The cow checked in at the Jones Beach Fishing Station, tipped the scale at 58½ lbs. and measured 63" in length. If the fish wasn't enough, Jason added a 13 lb. weakfish on Thursday and 5 blues from 16-19½ lbs. on

Sunday. All the fish were taken on bunker chunks in and around Jones Beach.

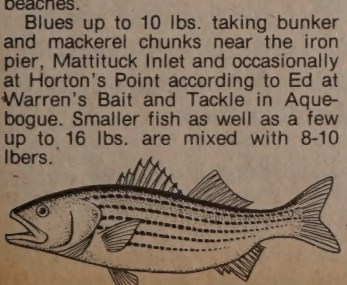
Moving to the east there were some small blues picked from the wash at Democrat late last week. Mike Bowden was more than pleased with the 5 lber. he checked in at Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle. It was taken on a tin. George Combs, of Combs Bait and Tackle heard from Charlie "Tuna" that live eels and live eels only were taking blues from 10-14 lbs. in the Cedar Beach area. No bass, however. The only word on any surf activity relayed by Lon at Wanser's Bait and Tackle, was that a couple of customers told Lon of seeing several nice bass dragged off the beach at West End Jones Beach this past week.

Skipping out to Montauk, Johnny Kronuch of Johnny's Bait and Tackle said that while Friday night's rough surf made fishing difficult if not impossible, Saturday and Sunday nights produced some nice stripers up front. Among the fish John put on the scales on the weekend were Ken Kassan's 33 lber., Joey Bragan's 38 lber., George Limnios' 25, and Mitchell Gotmann's 24. Percy Heath topped everyone with his 43 lb. cow. Weakfishing which had been excellent during the week slowed over the weekend to just a pick. Richie Simmons and Bruce Tuma, both of East Islip fished under the Light Wednesday night and had excellent action with the yellowfins on yellow darters. Richie also dropped an estimated 20 lb. striper in the rocks and told of another caster who clicked with a 25 lber. Johnny added that small blues were in and out chasing bait over the weekend and a few were up and down south side beaches as well.

Up on the north shore, Phil at Glen Cove Sport Shop reported that one local caster accounted for 10 bass up to 18 lbs. Saturday morning despite a face full of wind, 1¼ oz. Striper Swipers, silver Creek Chubs and tins have been accounting for blues up to 5 lbs. at Stehli's Beach in Bayville evenings and mornings. An occasional small bass is taken as well.

Over in Mt. Sinai Dick of Dick's Sport Shop said blues many in the 8-10 lb. range are being taken on bunker chunks at Miller Place and Cedar Beach. Only word on stripers was a 15 lber. taken on a live eel during the week from one of the local beaches.

Blues up to 10 lbs. taking bunker and mackerel chunks near the iron pier, Mattituck Inlet and occasionally at Horton's Point according to Ed at Warren's Bait and Tackle in Aquebogue. Smaller fish as well as a few up to 16 lbs. are mixed with 8-10 lbers.



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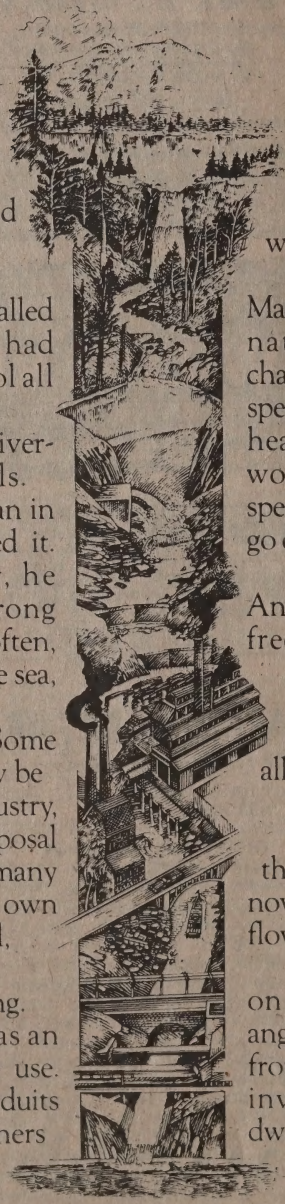
Old Salt Award to Horton

On September 23, Ralph Horton received the 1981 New Jersey Travel and Resort Association "Old Salt" award for his efforts in promoting New Jersey's fishing and outdoor recreation. Horton is publisher of Pennsylvania Fish 'N Magazine, outdoor reporter for Radio Station WBUX in Doylestown, PA., and outdoor writer for the Lambertville Beacon and Trenton Messenger. For years he was a member of the Mercer County Anglers surf tournament team. The original recipient of this award, made in conjunction with the New Jersey Outdoor Writers Association, was the late Morrie Upperman, creator of the famous Upperman bucktail jig. I'm proud to be one of the more recent winners, along with such well-known writers as Milt Rosko, Pete McLain, Ben Callaway, Mike Zicarelli, Lou Rodia, Henry Schaeffer, Bill Backus, Sheila Link, and Howard Brant—plus Captain Howard Bogan, a leader in the fight for the 200-mile limit, and lure manufacturer Fred Schrier.

Ferber Starts Sportsmen's Legislive Action Committee

Publisher Steve Ferber has started an organization known as the Sportsmen's Legislative Action Committee to lobby for legislation in New Jersey that will provide for "maximum utilization of fish and game resources." The primary object of the new organization is to get a dove season in New Jersey, just as is presently the case in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. The Committee has 20,000 bumper stickers promoting the dove season proposal and will send these to contributors. Send contributions to William Martin, Treasurer, RD 5, Box 470, Flemington, N.J. 08822. Though the dove season is the number one priority at present, Ferber has indicated that other issues will be taken up in the future.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE OCEAN.



Not so long ago most of the water that fell on our continent ran downhill and back to the ocean, from which it came.

No more. Modern man called that "wasting to the sea." He had other ideas. He would control all that free-running water.

He built dams, dikes, and diversions; levees, locks and canals. Where water inconveniently ran in crooked courses, he channeled it. Where it ran too shallow, he dredged. Where it ran the wrong way, he turned it around. And often, where he did let it return to the sea, he filled it with wastes.

Up to a point it worked. Some of America's waters could now be used for irrigation, cities, industry, power generation, sewage disposal and transportation. And still many of our waters were left to their own devices, providing their natural, less tangible benefits to man.

But then the balance swung.

In many places there was an overkill of manipulation and use. Lakes died. Rivers became conduits of sewage and toxic wastes; others were turned into a series of still ponds. Magnificent streams and awesome canyons were drowned. Fresh waters turned salty.

Fish are among the casualties. Many of them chemically contaminated. Much of their habitat changed—fouled and stilled. Those special conditions necessary for the health and propagation of our worthiest sport and commercial species, gone. As our waters go, so go our fisheries.

The American League of Anglers believes that natural and free-flowing waterways are more than pleasant amenities for fishermen. Their ecological health is essential to man as well as to all forms of wildlife.

We are committed to preserving a proper balance between the need for water manipulation now and the desire for pure, free-flowing waters forever.

We act and speak for this goal on a national level. We urge all anglers, who receive extra benefits from good water, to participate. We invite all those who revere our dwindling stock of natural waters to support our efforts.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF ANGLERS, 810 18TH STREET NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.—0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	3:50	4:20	5:00	5:20	4:45	5:00	5:55	6:05	7:20	7:30	7:25	7:45	4:10	4:30	10/8
FRI.	4:55	5:20	5:55	6:15	5:45	5:55	6:45	6:55	8:15	8:30	8:20	8:40	5:00	5:25	10/9
SAT.	5:55	6:15	6:45	7:00	6:35	6:50	7:25	7:45	9:10	9:25	9:10	9:30	5:50	6:10	10/10
SUN.	6:45	7:05	7:25	7:45	7:20	7:35	8:10	8:30	9:55	10:20	9:55	10:20	6:35	6:55	10/11
MON.	7:30	7:50	8:10	8:30	8:05	8:20	8:55	9:15	10:40	11:05	10:45	11:10	7:20	7:45	10/12
TUE.	8:10	8:35	8:55	9:20	8:45	9:05	9:35	10:05	11:25	11:55	11:30	11:55	8:05	8:30	10/13
WED.	8:55	9:20	9:40	10:05	9:30	9:55	10:20	10:55	—	12:10	—	12:15	8:55	9:15	10/14
THUR.	9:45	10:10	10:30	10:50	10:20	10:45	11:10	11:45	12:40	12:55	12:45	1:05	9:40	10:05	10/15

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rocheele	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

10/9	7:05	6:28
10/10	7:07	6:26
10/11	7:08	6:25
10/12	7:09	6:23
10/13	7:10	6:22
10/14	7:11	6:20
10/15	7:12	6:19

Moonrise/Moonset

10/9	4:38PM	2:16AM
10/10	5:13PM	3:22AM
10/11	5:47PM	4:30AM
10/12	6:19PM	5:41AM
10/13	6:53PM	6:54AM
10/14	7:29PM	8:08AM
10/15	8:08PM	9:23AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
10/27	10/6	10/13	10/20

The Original Knight
SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:20	7:25	1:35	7:50
Fri.	2:05	8:15	2:25	8:35
Sat.	2:50	9:00	3:10	9:25
Sun.	3:40	9:55	4:05	10:15
Mon.	4:30	10:30	4:40	11:00
Tues.	5:15	11:20	5:30	11:50
Wed.	6:05	—	6:30	12:20
Thurs.	6:50	12:35	7:35	1:20

FISHERMAN'S CLASSIFIED

To place an ad in *THE FISHERMAN'S* classified section, send in copy for the ad exactly as you wish it to read along with your check or M.O. for the full amount. Rates for non-subscribers are 30-cents per word with a 15 word ($4.50) minimum. Subscribers to *The Fisherman* receive a *Fifty-percent DISCOUNT* if they include the number off their subscription label. Classified rates for subscribers are: 15-cents per word with a 15 word ($2.25) minimum. *Discounts for extended runs:* 12 times, 5%; 35 times, 10%; and 50 times,15%. To run a photo with ad, non-subscribers add $10, subscribers $5.

BOATS & MOTORS

1978 24' SEA RAY Weekender 240 OMC I/O, galley, head, sleeps 4. VHF, CB, recorder, platforms, tabs. Perko outriggers & holders. Many other extras. Boat in immac. cond. Can be seen at my dock. 516-678-2113.

AQUASPORT SALE! All models reduced. Strong's Marine Center, Main Rd., Mattituck. 516-298-4020

26' CHRIS CRAFT Cutlass. Exc. cond. Twin 307 c.i., Ross recorder, CB, VHF, chair, O/R & much more. $7500. 201-489-0732 or 201-265-9156.

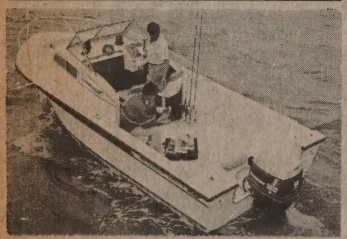
1972 13' Alumicraft Fishing Skiff w/trailer; 1979 Evinrude 8 hrs.; elec. & manual start; also incl. spare motor. Many extras; good condition. $1350. Eves. 212-366-0790.

CHRIS CRAFT Lancer '73 fiberglass. 200 h.p. Volvo I/O 350 hrs. New VHS, depth, head, rod holders, trim tabs, auto. anchor, 2 new batt. In water; ready to go. Extras. Sacrifice. $4500 Firm. 212-857-5689 wkdays only or 516-221-9323 Eves. & wknds.

WANTED: Used 22' Mako or 204 Grady-WHite center console or Wellcraft V-20. No power. 516-981-8416.

SHAMROCK BOATS—20'-25' 9". All models, gas or diesel, now at 2 locations: Southshore Boats, 516-288-2400/Rovina, 516-728-0922.

1978 AQUASPORT 246CCP. Rigged for twin installation. No motors. Full gauges, compass, VHF, digital depthfinder, outriggers. Full canvas, bilge pump, fire extinguisher, live well. Teak pkg.; bottom paint, bootstripe. Every option; mint. $8800. 516-221-9166.

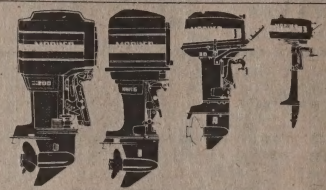


GRADY-WHITE 21' Overnighter, 360° recessed walkaround deck. Still the leader! Officia Grady-White, Johnson, OMC dealer. New Grady-White's in stock. Also, see the Privateer—a professional work & fishing center console, at low cost. Authorized repairs, mooring, winter storage. EDDIE'S MARINE, Est. 1940, 210 Beach 2nd St., Lawrence. 212-327-3168.

1976 SEA RAY 20' Sunchaser 235 OMC I/O, cuddy cabin, VHF, DF, compass. Many extras. Yard maintained. Excl. cond. Call 516-593-9744 for demo. $6250.

23' SEA CRAFT Cuddy 235 Merc. Cruiser. Excl. cond. In water at Montauk. Must sell. $7500. 516-267-3371; 997-7438.

1981 STARCRAFT Seafarer 14' w/25 h.p. Merc. outboard, 1981 Cox trailer w/complete CG pkg. $2495. 201-595-1660.



1982 MERC MARINER OUTBOARDS 1982 2-$295; 4-$460; 5-$530; 8-$670; 9.9-$860; 15-$940; 25-$1145; 30-$1235; 40-$1340; 50-$1755; 60-$2085; 70-$2285- 80-$2475; 90-$2460; 115-$2820; 150-$3635; 175-$3735; 200-$3935. FOB Shipping arranged. SPORTS MARINE, 201-736-3909. West Orange, New Jersey.

Mark Twain 24' 1980 w/228 hp Mercruiser w/FWC. Loaded w/extras, w/1981 Shoreline Galv. trailer. Outriggers, D/R Mercathie, CB, AM/FM 8 track. Elec. anchor wireless. Fully guar. STRONGS MARINE CENTER, 298-4020.

PACEMAKER 30'. Sleeps 4. Flybridge, new 370 Crusader, shaft & prop. Legal head; radio; new canvas; winter covers & frame. Many extras. Will demo. $5000. Eves. 212-863-5903.

Penn Yan

New 1981 Penn Yan stock clearance: 23' SFT Sportfisherman, 24' Express Cruiser, 21' Open Fisherman. SHELTER COVE MARINA, 610 Clarence Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 212-822-3054. "The only Penn Yan dealer in Bronx/Westchester Counties."

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1977 CHRIS CRAFT Lancer 23' 6". New Mecca whiteline recorder, VHF, Lowrance depth sounder alarm. Many other extras. Excl. cond. $9500. 212-946-3910.

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1980 AQUASPORT 22' 2" Family fisherman. Deluxe-M 185, OMC, I/O. Mint. Loaded. Asking $12,900. 914-738-2309.

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1969 33'x12' Custom Sport Fisherman. New twin FWC 220 Crusader. Full electronics. Fighting chair; outriggers. $9500. Eves. 516-281-5610.

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EGG HARBOR 1958 31'. Excl. cond., VHF radio, sonar, depth sounder, RJ Haller. Many extras. Must be seen. Call 516-725-0817 for appointment. $4500.

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30' SEA RAY Weekender 1978. Twin 255 h.p. engines. Low hrs. Boat loaded w/options. Immaculate cond. Custom features. Must sell. $38,750. Days: 212-823-9100 or Nites: 914-636-0584.

1977 24' SEA RAY Sundancer, 250 Merc. Lo hrs. VHF, swim platform, trim tabs. Full canvas & mooring cover. Immac. cond. $14,500. 212-822-8320 After 3PM.

Boston Whaler 20' Outrage, 175 h.p. Mercury power tile & trim, SS Prop, 3000 lb. E-Z Loader trailer, 5000 lb. power winch. Full mooring cover, sun top. All new 1979. 88 hrs. As new cond. $10,900. Days. 423-5959. Nights: 673-8608.

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1971 28' SEA BIRD SF, Fiberglass; 2, 225 h.p. Chryslers 1975, FWC, VHF, Loran, White line & 2nd DF; 3/4 enclosure, fish box, outriggers, washdown. Call after 6PM. 212-TA 4-7553. Asking B.O. Over $16,500.

'80 ROBALO R2160 twin 115 Merc. 1981 w/power trim cuddy cabin, head. Fully equipped; used only 1981 about 35 hrs. Dockage paid to end Oct. Asking $18,000. Owner moving. 516-725-0439.

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1965 CHRIS CRAFT Cutlass, cuddy cabin; factory glass over wood. 307 Chris Craft engine, approx. 200 hrs.; CB; depth finder, VHF. All CG equipment. Extras; economical. $3500. 516-653-6866 after 5PM.

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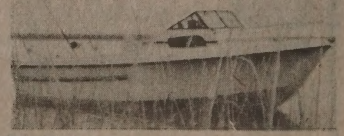
1976 27' Sport-Craft. Economical Twin 6 cyl. FWC Volvo engines. Fully equipped. $14,500. Call after 6PM. LT 9-4720.

1980 Spirit 50 h.p. elec. Excellent cond.; 15 hrs. use. Tank battery controls incl. $935. 516-281-9897.



SEA OX 20' '9 23' Walkaround cuddy. Avail. inboard or outboard; 17'-23' models avail. Center console or comm'l. Largest Sea Ox & Stamas Phoenix dealer on L.I. Phoenix avail. gas or diesel inboard, twin, single or outboard. STEIN'S BOAT & MOTOR SALES, 23 River Rd., Sayville, N.Y. 516-567-3313.

25' LUHRS 1973 Fiberglas, 225 h.p. Chrysler FWC, galley, VHF, DF, monomatic head, 2 batteries, I/O dockside. $8900. Days 212-567-2333. Eves. 212-882-7705.

1975 24' AQUASPORT Center Console. Twin 85s, outriggers, live bait wells. Bimini, spray hood, 100 gal. fuel; radios. Many extras. Excl. cond.; in water. Will demo. $7600. 516-588-4668.

1977 WELLCRAFT Step Vee-20. New standup enclosed Bimi, 1977 120 h.p. Chrysler rebuilt. Trailer & winch. Loaded. 724-0219.

19' MAKO 140 h.p. Power trim; under 30 hrs. Depth finder/alarm, VHF radio. Many extras. Shoreline Galv. Trlr. w/elec. winch. Best offer. 201-666-0399.

1976 GRADY WHITE Nassau 22' cuddy cabin, 175 I/O, OMC. Loaded w/equipment. New canvas. Excl. cond. $8200. After 5PM 212-341-0452.

1974 CHRIS CRAFT 23' Tournament Fisherman. Excl. cond. 200 h.p. Inboard. Lots of extras. $7500. Call 516-765-1600 Eves.

1979 AQUASPORT 24' 6" family fisherman, 200 h.p. Black Max. Fully equipped; CG pkg.; VHF, CB, Aquaprobe 1000 watt recorder; Si-Tex Loran C. Lots of extras. 914-268-4651. Asking $12,500.

31' OLSEN White Cedar hull, teak decks, fish wells, tuna tower w/controls; 2 anchors, gin poles; 110 h.p. diesel power, Ross recorder & Meca white line recorder. Extra props & transmission; 11' beam needs paint. 516-221-6675.

21' '79 Grady White Overnighter 140 h.p. Evinrude. VHF, CB, outriggers, downriggers. Paper recorder; full canvas; dual batteries. Cuddy cabin. Shoreline trailer w/elec. winch. In water; will demo. Excl. cond. $12,500. 212-961-2845.

26' GROVERBUILT 1979. All teak decking & trim; 6 cyl. Lehman diesel, custom engine mounts & prop. Si-Tex recorder, Nelco Loran, standard VHF. Downriggers, outriggers & too much to list. Will sell with or w/o electronics. Mint cond.; must see. $31,000. 516-766-3838. Days or Eves.

WELLCRAFT V-20 Fisherman. 1972 w/1979 Chrysler outboard. Custom built extras. Excl. shape & running cond. $3500. Days 212-686-1818, Ext. 210.

25' x 9' 9" CHRIS CRAFT Lancer Sportsman 1970 230 h.p. I/O, VHF, CB, recorder, gin pole, chair, outriggers. Excl. $8000. Days. 212-786-5734.

19' GLASTRON 1974 Center Console, 115 h.p. Evin., S/S Prop., CB, compass, Bimini top, 1979 trailer. Economical. After 6PM. $3995. 212-631-5351.

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1981 EVINRUDES 1981
2-$290; 4-$440; 4.5-$530; 7.5-$650; 9.9-$810; 15-$910; 25-$1100; 35-$1250; 40-$1350; 50-$1825; 60-$2100; 70-$2200; 90-$2500; 115-$2600; 140-$3200; 150-$3500; 175-$3700; 200-$3750; 235-$3900. ELECTRA MARINE, 610 Merrick Rd., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Scott & McCulloch parts. FOB/H. WI. 516-599-3003. We ship anywhere.

1978 BAYLINER 27' 226 h.p. I/O. Victoria bridge. Trim tabs. Low hrs. Excellent. $17,500. 582-9479.

'74 AQUASPORT Cuddy 24' 225 OMC I/O, FWC & extras. $5900. Days 914-738-1900. Eves. 914-725-5177.

EGG HARBOR 36', '62 Sedan fisherman. New paint. Super clean. New canvas, twin 350 Crusader FWC. New fall '80; VHF, CB, recorder. Outriggers, fish chairs. Commercially documented 6-man charters. $18,000. Wkdays. 516-798-7531.

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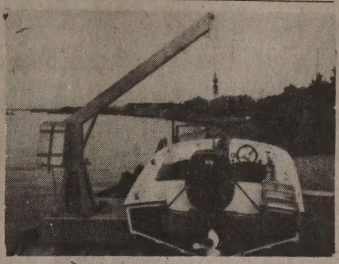

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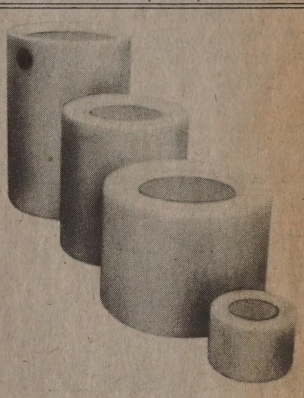

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